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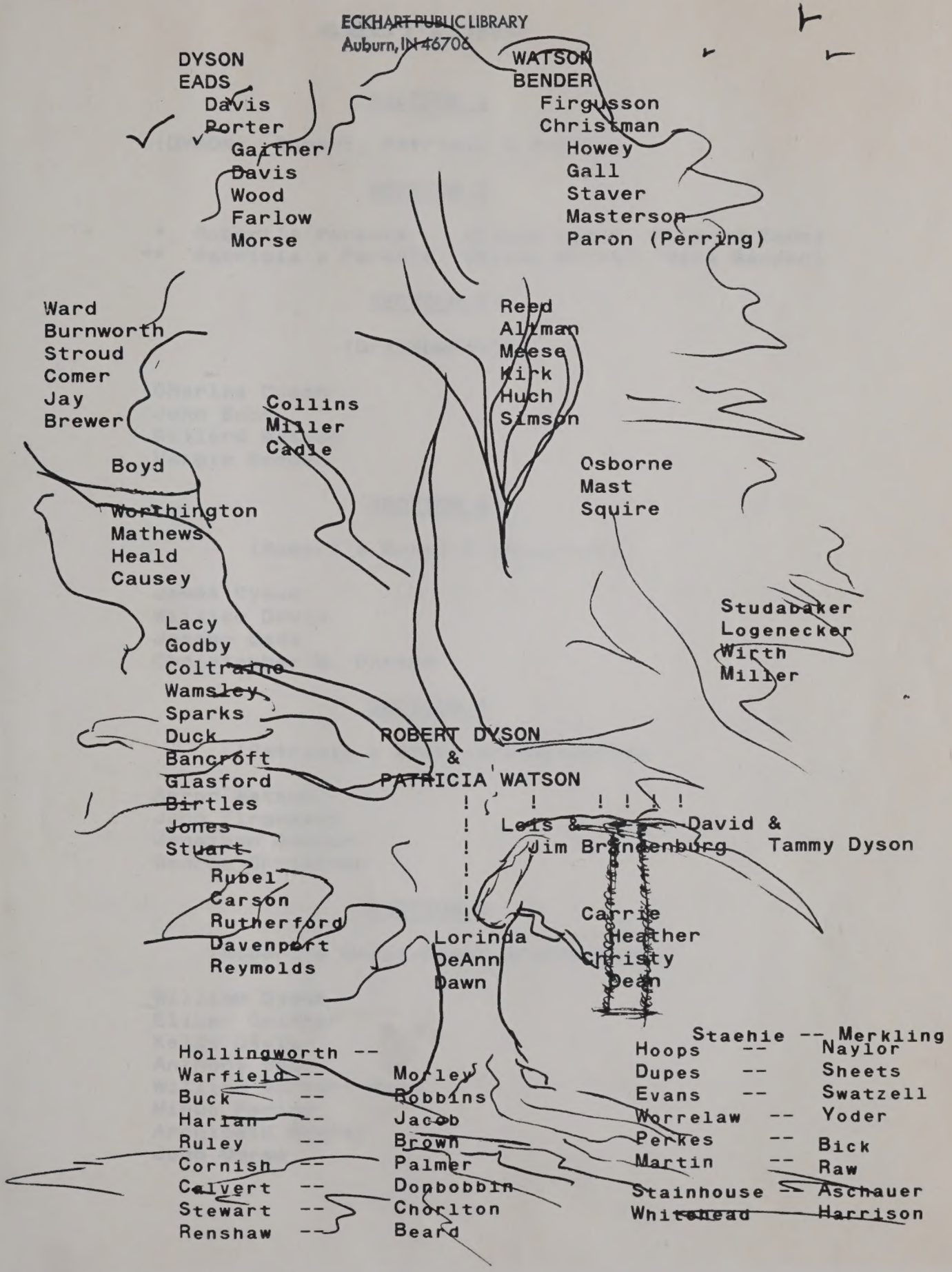

SECTIONS

SECTION 1

(DYSON) Robert, Patricia & Family

SECTION 2

* Robert's Parents (Floyd Dyson, Mildred Eads)
** Patricia's Parents (Elroy Watson, Vera Bender)

SECTION 3

(Grandparents)

Charles Dyson
John Eads
Willard Watson
Vergie Bender

SECTION 4

(Robert's Great-Grandparents)

James Dyson
William Davis
Jasper Eads
Christopher B. Porter

SECTION 5

(Patricia's Great-Grandparents)

Aaron Watson
John Firgusson
Jonathan Bender
George Christman

SECTION 6

(Robert's Great-Great-Grandparents)

William Dyson
Elizah Gaither
Kelly Davis
Anthony Wood
William Burkett Eads
Minus Farlow
Archibald Porter
John Morse

FAMILY TREE

ROOTS - BRANCHES - TWIGS

OF

PATRICIA (WATSON)
&
ROBERT LEWIS DYSON

1989-1990

I, Patricia (Watson) Dyson, dedicate this book to my children and grandchildren.

A lot of Interesting People Went Before You and I hope you will add some nice twigs after me.

OUR NEXT TO LAST---LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT:

We give LOVE (a life-time full of it--love that you give generously and you earn full measure of, in return.)

We give HAPPY MEMORIES (for these are the woven fabrics of our lives)

We give GOOD LUCK (and always the eager hope for a lottery ticket that wins)

And LONG LIFE and an APPRECIATION FOR IT (even as we have found it ever so wonderful)

(And may you remember us well.....

Patricia (Watson) & Robert Dyson

THANKS

My Thanks & Gratitude to my family and relatives for their contribution in my research.

I give special recognition to those researchers before me.

DYSON - Mildred (Eads) Dyson &
Mary (Dyson) Miller

EADS - Mildred (Eads) Dyson

DAVIS - Edith (Clock) Crow

BURNSWORTH - Geneva (Ervin) Stech

NOTES ON --

Sparks, Porter and Gaither Families -- Mildred (Eads) Dyson

Watson -- Donald Steffen
Barbara (Wasson) Coplin

Staver -- Mary Speheger

Bender -- Georgiana Bender
Vera (Bender) Watson

Christman -- Vera (Bender) Watson

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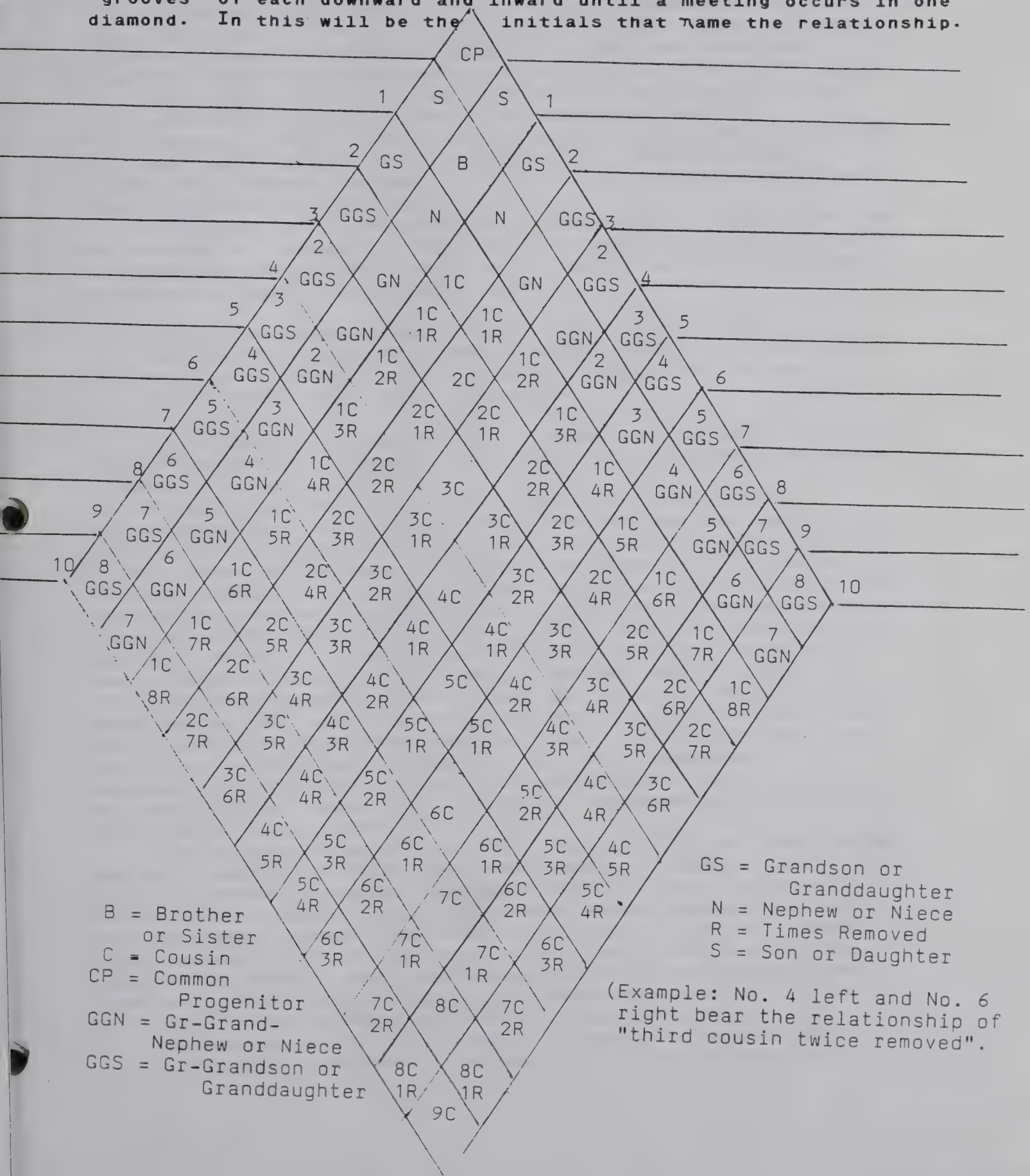
Patricia (Watson) Dyson 1990

RELATIONSHIP OF TWO DESCENDANTS OF COMMON PROGENITORS (C.P.)

(Directions) List common progenitors (husband and wife) on either side of diamond on top un-numbered line. On one side of chart, list succeeding sons or daughters on consecutively numbered lines until name of one of the descendants is reached. Repeat the process for the other descendant on other side of chart. Follow the adjacent diagonal "grooves" of each downward and inward until a meeting occurs in one diamond. In this will be the initials that name the relationship.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8C 1R 8C 1R
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B = Brother or Sister
C = Cousin
CP = Common Progenitor
GGN = Gr-Grand-Nephew or Niece
GGS = Gr-Grandson or Granddaughter

GS = Grandson or Granddaughter
N = Nephew or Niece
R = Times Removed
S = Son or Daughter

(Example: No. 4 left and No. 6 right bear the relationship of "third cousin twice removed".

WHY YOU HAVE A FAMILY NAME AND WHAT IT MEANS

Primitive personal names doubtless originated soon after the invention of spoken language, in the dark ages long preceding recording history. For thousands of years thereafter, first or given names were the only designations that men and women bore; and at the dawn of historic times, when the world was less crowded than it is today and every man knew his neighbor, one title of address was sufficient. Only gradually, with the passing centuries and the increasing complexity of civilized society, did a need arise for more specific designations. While the roots of our system of family names may be traced back to early cilvilized times, actually the hereditary surnames we know of today, dates from scarcely more than nine hundred years ago.

A surname is a name added to a baptismal or given name for the purpose of making it more specific and of indicating family relationship or descent. Classified according to origin, most surnames fall into four general groups:

(1) Those formed from the given name of the sire.
(2) Those arising from bodily or personal characteristics.
(3) Those derived form locality or place of residence.
(4) Those derived from occupation.

It is easier to understand the story of the development of our institution of surnames if these classifications are borne in mind.

As early as Biblical times certain distinguishing appellations were occasionally employed in addition to the given name, as for instance, Joshua the son of Nun, Azariah the son of Nathan, Judas of Galilee, and Simon the Zealot. In ancient Greece, a daughter was named after her father, as Chryseis, the daughter of Chryses; and son's name also was often enlarged from the father's, as Hieronymus, son of Hiero. The Romans, at the rise of their civilization, met the need for hereditary designations by inventing a complex system where by every patrician took several names. None of them however, exactly corresponded to the surnames as we know them for the the "clan name", although hereditary was given also to slaves and other dependents. This system proved to be but a temporary innovation; the overthrow of the Western Empire by barbarian invaders brought about it's end and a reversion to the primitive custom of a single name.

The ancient Scandinavians and for the most part the Germans had only individual names, and there were no family names, strictly speaking, among the Celts. But as family and tribal groups grew in size, individual names became inadequate and the need for supplementary designations began to be felt. Among the first employed were such terms as the Hardy, the Stern, the Dreadful-in-Battle; and the nations of northern Europe soon adopted the practice of adding, the father's name to the son's, as Oscar, son of Carnuth, and Dermid, Son of Duthno.

True surnames, in the sense of hereditary appellations, date in England from about the year 1000. Largely they were

introduced from Normandy although there are records of Saxon surnames prior to the Norman Conquest. During the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066) there were Saxon tenants in Suffolk bearing such names as Suert Magno, Stigand Soror, Siuward Rufas, and Leuric Hobbesune (Hubson) and the Domesday record of 1085-1086, which exhibits some curious combinations of Asxon forenames with Norman family names, shoe surnames is still a more general use. By the end of the twelfth century, hereditary names had become common in England. But even by 1465 they were not universal. During the reign of Edward V, a law was passed to compel certain Irish outlaws to adopt surnames. "They shall take unto them a Surname, either of some town, or some Color, as Black or Brown, or some Art or Science," At the beginning of the nineteenth century a similiar decree compelled Jews in Germany and Austria to add a German surname to the single names that they had previously used.

As stated above, family names fall into four general classes according to their origin. One of these classes comprises surnames derived from the given name of the father. Such names were formed by adding a prefix or suffix denoting either "son of" or a diminutive. English names terminating in son (or the contraction s), ing, and kin are of this type, as are also the innumerable names prefixed with the Gaelic Mac, the Morman Fitz, the Irish O, and the Welsh ap. Thus, the sons of John become Johnsons, the sons of Williams, Williamsons or Willsons, the sone of Richard, Richardsons or Richardses; the sons of Reilly, O'Reilly, and the sons of Thomas, ap Thomases, (ap has been dropped from many names of which it was formerly a part). There are also German, Netherlandish, Scandinavian, and other European surnames of similiar formation, such as the Scandinavian names ending in sen.

Another class of surnames, those arising from some bodily or personal characteristic of their first bearer, apparently grew out of what were in the first instance nicknames. Thus Peter the strong became Peter Strong, Roger of small stature became Roger Small, and black-haired William or blond Alfred became William Black or Alfred White. A few examples of names of this type are Long, Short, Hardy, Wise, Good, Lover, and Youngman.

A third class of family names, and perhaps the largest of all, is that comprising local surnames---names derived from the originally designating the place of residence of the bearer. Such names were employed in France at an early date and were introduced in England by the Normans, many of whom were known by the titles of their estates. The surnames adopted by the nbility were chiefly of this type, being used with the particles de, dela, or del (meaning "of" or "of the"). The Saxon equivalent was the work atte ("at the"), found in such names as John atte Brook, Edmund atte Lane, Godwin atte Brigg, and William atte Bourne. A vostiage of this usage survives in the names Atwell, Atwood, and Atwater: in other cases the Norman de was substituted; and in still others, such as Wood, Briggs, and Lane, the particle was dropped. The surnames of some of the Pilgrim Fathers illustrate place designations. Winthrop, for instance, means "of the friendly village"; Endicott, "an end

cottage"; and Bradford, "a broad ford". The suffixes "ford", "ham", "ley", and "ton", denoting locality are of frequent occurance in such English names as Ashford, Bingham, Burley, and Norton.

Commencing about the time of Edward the Confessor, a fourth class of surnames arose--names derived form occupation. The earliest of these seem to have been official names, such as Bishop, Mayor, Alderman, Reev, Sheriff, Chamberlain, Chancellor, Chaplain, Deacon, Latkmer (interpreted) Marshall, Summer (summoner), and Parker (parkkeeper). Trade and craft names, although of the same general type, were a slightly later development. Currier was a dresser of skins, Webster a weaver, Wainwright a wagonbuilder, and Baxter a baker. Such names as Smith, Taylor, Barber, Shepard, Carter, Mason, and Miller are self-explanatory.

Some surnames of today which seem to defy classification or explanation are corruptions of ancient forms tht have become disguised almost beyond recognition. For instance, Troublefield was originally Tuberville, Wrinch was Renshaw, Diggles was Douglas, Sinnocks and Snook were Sevenoaks, Barroweloff and Berrycloth were Barraclough, and Strawbridge was Stourbridge. Such corruptions of a family name, resulting from ignorance of spelling, variations in pronunciation, or merely from the preference of the bearer, tend to baffle both the genealogist and the etymologist. Shakespeare's name is found in some twenty-seven different forms, and the majority of English and Anglo-American surnames have, in their history, appeared in four to a dozen or more variant spellings.

In the United States a greater variety of family names exists than anywhere else in the world. Surnames of every race and nation are represented. While a substantial number are of English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, and Western European origin brought to this country be scions of families that had bourne these names for generations prior to emigration, many others have come from central and southern Europe and the Slavic countries where the use of surnames is generally a more recently established practice. Some families had no fixed surname until after their arrival in America; and in other cases emigrants from continental Europe or their descendants have translated or otherwise modified their hames. These factors contribute to the difficulties encountered by students of etymology and family history.

Those Americans who posess old and honored names--who trace their surnames back to sturdy immigrant ancestors, or beyond, across the seas and into the mists of antiquity--may be rightfully proud of their heritage. While the name, in it's origin, may seem ingenious, humble, surprising, or matter-of-fact, it's significance today lies not in a literal interpretation of it's intial meaning but in the many things that have happened to it since it first came into use. In the beginning it was only a label to distinguish one John from his neighbor John who lived across the field. But soon it established itself as part of the bearer's individuality; and as it passed to his children, his children's children and their's, it became the symbol not of one man but of a family and all that

family stood for. Handed down from generation to generation, the surname grew inseparably associated with the achievement, the tradition, and the prestige of the family.. Like the coat of arms--that vivid symbolization of the surname which a warrior's ancestors wore in battle--the name itself has become a badge of family honor. It has become the "good name" to be proud of and to protect as one's most treasured posession.

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SECTION 1 SECTION 2 ECTION 3

Patricia Watson
1953 graduate of
Chester Center School
Wells Co., Ind.
Southern Wells School
now in that location.

Robert Dyson
1951 graduate of
Linlawn High School
Wabash Co. Indiana

HAPPINESS

Happiness - for me- is a man called Robert !

I met him in March of 1953 and was just about (love at first sight) It was at Ossian, Ind. gym at a Wells Co. Rural Youth Party and other county rural youth was invited. Our first date was in May 1953-we went to a roller skating party at Roanoke, Ind. Sponsored by Richvalley E.U.B. Church Youth which Robert was a member.

We were engaged in Oct. 1953 and married Jan. 31, 1954 in Richvalley E.U.B. Church Parsonage. I wore white and our parents were the only witness and guest.

We didn't take a honeymoon due to employment and little money. During our courtship we attending Rural Youth functions and family gatherings. Our first home was at 10 So. Huntington St. Wabash, Ind. It was a small apt. we rented for $50 a mo. plus 3 dollars utilities from Vera & Herman Hippensteel. I took a job at General Tire and Rubber Co. in Wabash in the Mold Shop Office. I made about $50 a week. At least once a week we went to the A & W Rootbeer stand for supper and to the drive-in movie. We lived at this apt. for a yr.

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

I can drive: a car, a tractor, a hard bargain, and a horse to water but I can't make him drink.
I can put up preserves, barbecue a steak, mow the grass, guess people's ages (wrong), milk a cow and make dinner in 10 minutes when I have to---
I live in a world of New Inventions, like air travel, plastics, air-conditioning, frozen foods, space travel, T.V. and computers, slacks, improved cars and "The Pill"
The first President I voted for was Dwight Eisenhower in 1950's and I am not a liberated woman even if I do like the right to vote and believe in equal job-equal pay--I believe in abortion and psychiatrists, dislike divorce-but in todays world people enter marriage under different beliefs. STILL BELIEVE GOD'S WORD (MARRIAGE, BEFORE BEDROOM)
I like a Man to Open the Door for Me and respect me for the lady that I am. I am superstitious--Friday the 13th, walking under a ladder, breaking a mirror and getting the largest pc. of the wish bone of the chicken.

PROVERBS

Some of my neighborhood club have nothing to say. But you have to listen to them quite a long time before you realize it.

It's hard getting used to your first gray hair. But you have to accept it--until the day you dye.....

I like the Doctor who says, "Walking is your best exercise" At least you don't need a prescription for it..

Little tears are often cured -- just with a big hug.

Nothing combines job and sadness together like packing a bag.

The Sea of Matrimony sure teaches you how to swim and keep your head above water.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ROBERT LEWIS & PATRICIA (WATSON) DYSON

* Robert Lewis Dyson
B: Aug. 29, 1933 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Jan. 31, 1954 in Wabash Co. Ind. (license in Wells Co. Ind.)
to
** Patricia Watson
B: Nov. 3, 1935 Wells Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:

1. David Lee Dyson
B: Nov. 20, 1954 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Aug. 5, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Tamera Loy Meagher
B: Sept. 12, 1956 Allen co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:
1a. Christina Renae Dyson
B: Oct. 10, 1981 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
1b. Dean Lester Dyson
B: June 29, 1984 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

2. Lois Ellen Dyson
B: Aug. 23, 1958 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Sept. 16, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Jimmie Lee Brandenburg
B: Oct. 1, 1953 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:
2a. Carrie Ann Brandenburg
B: June 12, 1980 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
2b. Heather Rene Brandenburg
B: Aug. 1, 1985 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

3. Lorinda Sue Dyson
B: Nov. 5, 1962 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married:_____ _____
to
_____
B:_____ _____
D:_____ _____
Children:

4. DeAnn Kay Dyson
   B: July 30, 1965 DeKalb Co. Ind.
   D: _____ _____
   Married:_____ _____
   to
   _____
   B:_____ _____
   D:_____ _____
   Children:

5. Dawn Lynette Dyson
   B: July 13, 1972 Noble Co. Ind.
   D:_____ _____
   Married:_____ _____
   to
   _____
   B:_____ _____
   D:_____ _____
   Children:

Patricia Watson, Robert Dyson Are Married Jan. 31 1954

Miss Patricia Watson and Robert Dyson exchanged wedding vows at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31, at the parsonage of the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Richvalley. Rev. Richard Eisinger read the double-ring ceremony as music was softly played in the background.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Watson, Poneto Route 1, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dyson, Wabash Route 2.

The bride chose a ballerina-length strapless gown of white nylon net over taffeta. The bodice was highlighted with brocaded silver thread trim and she wore a net stole. Her accessories were a knitted hat of white nylon with silver thread, matching purse and gloves and silver strap shoes. She wore a corsage of red roses tied with silver ribbon and rhinestone necklace and bracelet.

The parents of the bride and bridegroom and Mrs. Richard Eisinger and Sharon Kay attended the ceremony. Both mothers wore corsages of white roses and carnations.

Following the ceremony a buffet supper was served at the bride's home, south of Poneto, with the bride's aunt, Mrs. Irvin Hilkert of Fort Wayne, serving. The table was covered with a white linen cloth and was decorated with candles and a large basket of snapdragons and carnations. A two-tier wedding cake centered the table.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dyson, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hilkert and son, Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Watson. The couple is residing at 10 Huntington St., Wabash.

The bride was formerly employed at the Wells County Co-op and the bridegroom is engaged in farming.

LICENSED TO MARRY

Patricia Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Watson, Poneto Route 1, and Robert L. Dyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dyson, Wabash Route 2, were issued a marriage license here today.

Bluffton, In. Wells Co

Sometimes I miss hearing about engagement or wedding news and then I am a little late in telling you. Just this week I learned about the recent marriage of Patricia Watson and Robert Lewis Dyson which took place in the Evangelical United Brethren church parsonage at Richvalley. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Watson, Poneto R. R. 1, and Mr. Dyson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dyson, Wabash R. R. 1. For her wedding the bride chose a ballerina-length white strapless nylon net over taffeta gown which featured a brocaded silver thread bodice and net stole. Her accessories were a close knitted hat of white nylon, matching purse, gloves and shoes. She wore a corsage of red roses tied with silver ribbon and a rhinestone necklace and bracelet. A reception honoring the couple was held later in the home of the bride's parents. The couple is now residing at 10 South Huntington street. Mr. Dyson is engaged in farming and Mrs. Dyson is employed at the General Tire and Rubber company.

Shower in Richvalley EUB Church Honors Mrs. Robert Dyson

Feb. 26 1954

Mrs. Marcus Hansing, Mrs. Raymond Jackson and Mrs. Richard Eisinger joined in entertaining Friday afternoon in the basement of the Richvalley EUB church at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Robert Dyson, a recent bride.

Recorded music was enjoyed during the afternoon. Two contests were held with Mrs. Elmer Donaldson and Mrs. Charles Mendenhall winning prizes. Many lovely gifts were presented the honored guest.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Elroy Watson and Mrs. Paul Stout, near Bluffton, Mrs. Russell Thompson, Lagro, Mrs. Everett Herron, Mrs. P. L. Wilson, Mrs. Floyd Dyson, Mrs. Frank Kirby, Mrs. Earl Campbell, Mrs. Elmer Donaldson, Mrs. W. F. Bowman, Mrs. Ollie Whitesel, Mrs. J. D. Coldren, Mrs. Herbert Harvey, Mrs. Basil Weisendanger, Mrs. Elmer Roser, Mrs. Clarence Godfroy, Mrs. Everett Kirby, Mrs. Roland Oswalt, Mrs. John Unger, Mrs. Clinton Cooper, Mrs. Walter Coldren, Mrs. Marvin Pressler and daughter, Mrs. Russell Farley, Mrs. Raymond Thompson and son, Miss Helen Roberts, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Ralph Stone, Mrs. Gordon Row, Mrs. Garl Row and Treva and Eddie Jackson.

JANUARY 31, 1954

WEDDING OF PATRICIA (WATSON) &

ROBERT LEWIS DYSON

(left to right)
(bride's parents) Elroy & Vera Watson
(bride & groom) Patricia (Watson) & Robert Dyson
(groom's parents) Mildred & Floyd Dyson

Application for Marriage License

No. _____ Pg. 447 Book-22

Application is Hereby Made for a License for the Marriage of

Robert L. Dyson to Patricia Watson

UPON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATIVE TO SAID PARTIES:

MALE

1. The full Christian and surname of the man is Robert L. Dyson
2. Color Wh ite
3. Where born Wabash Ind. (Town, County, State or Country)
4. When born Aug 29-1933 (Day, Month and Year)
5. Present residence R r. Wabash
6. Present occupation Farming
7. If no occupation, what means has the male contracting party to support a family _____
8. Is the male contracting party of nearer blood kin to the female contracting party than second cousin? No
9. Full Christian and surname of father Lloyd Dyson
10. His color Wh 11. His birthplace Wabash Co. Ind.
12. His occupation Farming
13. His residence R r. Wabash
14. Full Christian and maiden name of mother Mildred Eads
15. Her color Wh 16. Her occupation Housewife
17. Her birthplace Wabash Co. Ind.
18. Her residence R r. Wabash, Ind.
19. Has the male contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? No
20. If so, is he now able to support a family and likely to so continue? —
21. Is this his first marriage? Yes
22. If not, how often has he been married? —
23. Has such prior marriage, or marriages, been dissovled? —
24. If so, how? _____ 25. When? —
26. Give the names and ages of any minor children of the male applicant from all former marriages _____
27. Are any or all of these children either wholly or partially dependent upon you for support? State their names: —
28. Are you supporting them and are you complying with all Court Orders issued for their support? —
29. Is the male contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal or any other contagious or transmissible disease? No
30. Is he an imbecile, feeble-minded, idiotic or insane, or is he under guardianship as a person of unsound mind? No

Signature of applicant Robert L. Dyson

STATE OF INDIANA, WELLS COUNTY, ss:

Robert L. Dyson deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.

Robert L. Dyson

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of Dec 19 54

Martha L Ulmer
Clerk Wells Circuit Court

By _____

FEMALE

1. The full Christian and surname of the woman is Patricia Watson
2. Color Wh ite
3. Where born Liberty Twp. Wells Co. Ind. (Town, County, State or Country)
4. When born Nov 24, 1935 (Day, Month and Year)
5. Present residence R # 1 Ponets Ind
6. Present occupation Wells Co. Co Op
7. Full Christian and surname of father Elroy Watson
8. His color Wh 9. His birthplace Auburn, Ind
10. His occupation Farming
11. His residence R # 1 Ponets Ind
12. Full Christian and maiden name of mother Ina Hardin
13. Her color Wh 14. Her occupation Housewife
15. Her birthplace Liberty Twp. Wells Co. Ind
16. Her residence R # 1 Ponets, Ind
17. Has the female contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? No
18. Is this her first marriage? Yes
19. If not, how often has she been married? —
20. Has such prior marriage, or marriages, been dissolved? —
21. If so, how and when? —
22. Is the female contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal or any other contagious or transmissible disease? No
23. Is she an imbecile, feeble-minded, idiotic or insane, or is she under guardianship as a person of unsound mind? No

Signature of applicant Patricia Watson

STATE OF INDIANA, WELLS COUNTY, SS:

Patricia Watson deposes and says that She has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.

Patricia Watson

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of Dec 19 54

Martha L Ulmer
Clerk Wells Circuit Court

By _____

STATE OF INDIANA, WELLS COUNTY, ss:
Robert L. Dyson
and
Patricia Watson
STATE OF INDIANA, WELLS COUNTY.

Be It Remembered, That on this 28 day of Jan 1954, the following Marriage License was issued, to wit:

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

Know Ye, That any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages is hereby authorized to join together as Husband and Wife Robert L. Dyson and Patricia Watson and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I Martha L. Ulmer Clerk of the Wells Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of said Court, at Bluffton, this 28 day of Jan. 1954

Martha L Ulmer Clerk

By _____

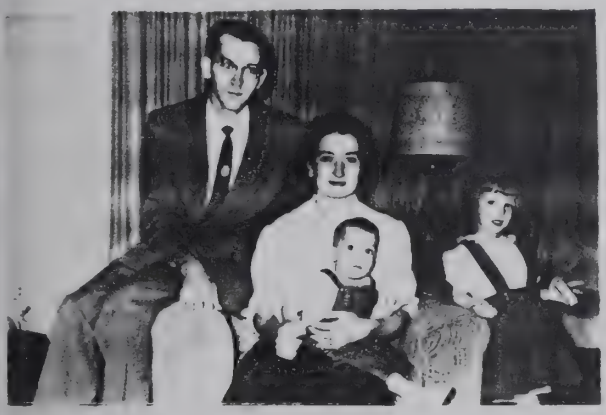
Be It Further Remembered, That on this 2 day of Feb 1954 the following Certificate of Marriage was filed in my office, to wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, WELLS COUNTY, ss: This Certifies, That I joined in marriage as Husband and Wife Robert Lewis Dyson and Patricia Watson on the thirty-first day of January 1954

Martha L Ulmer Clerk

Richard L Ensinger B.D.

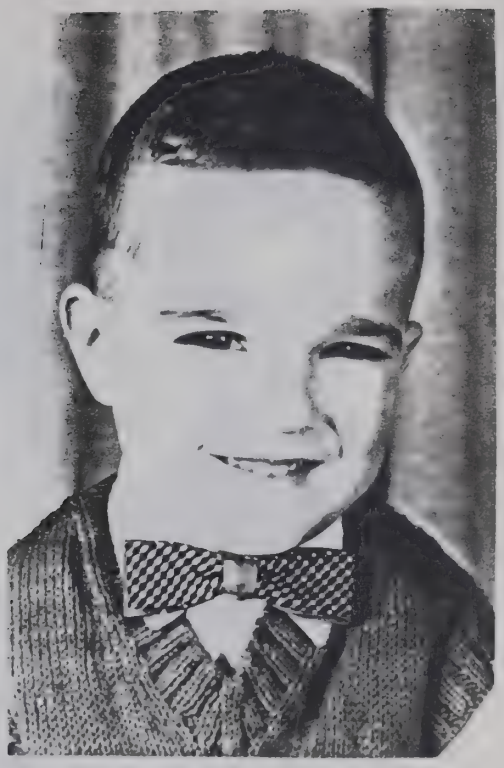
RICHVALLEY E.U.B. CHURCH-Richvalley, Ind. Wabash, Co. Where the Dysons attended church & Patricia (Watson) & Robert Dyson were married. Later changed to Methodist.



Rev, Richard Eisinger, wife, Ramona & children

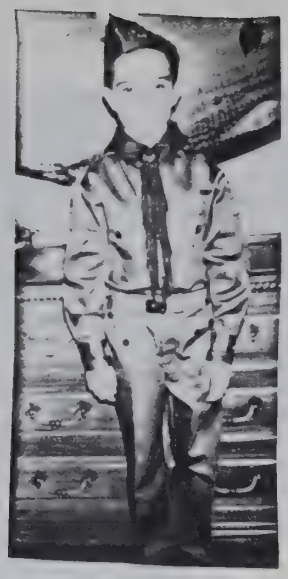
Robert & Patricia (Watson) Dyson were married Jan. 31, 1954 in the parsonage of Richvalley church by Rev. Eisinger.
(pictured) Robert & Patricia, Elroy & Vera Watson & Floyd Dyson.

David Lee Dyson
3 mo. old
Jan. 1956
Born in DeKalb Co. Ind.
Lived in Allen Co. Ind.



4 years old
1959

Robert & Patricia Dyson
1956
David Lee - 6 mo. old



1966
11 years old
Boy Scouts - Leo, Ind.

1963-1st grade
Leo Elementary School
Leo, Ind. Allen Co.

1969-7th grade
Leo High School
Leo, Ind. Allen Co.

INDIANA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
IVTC
1963

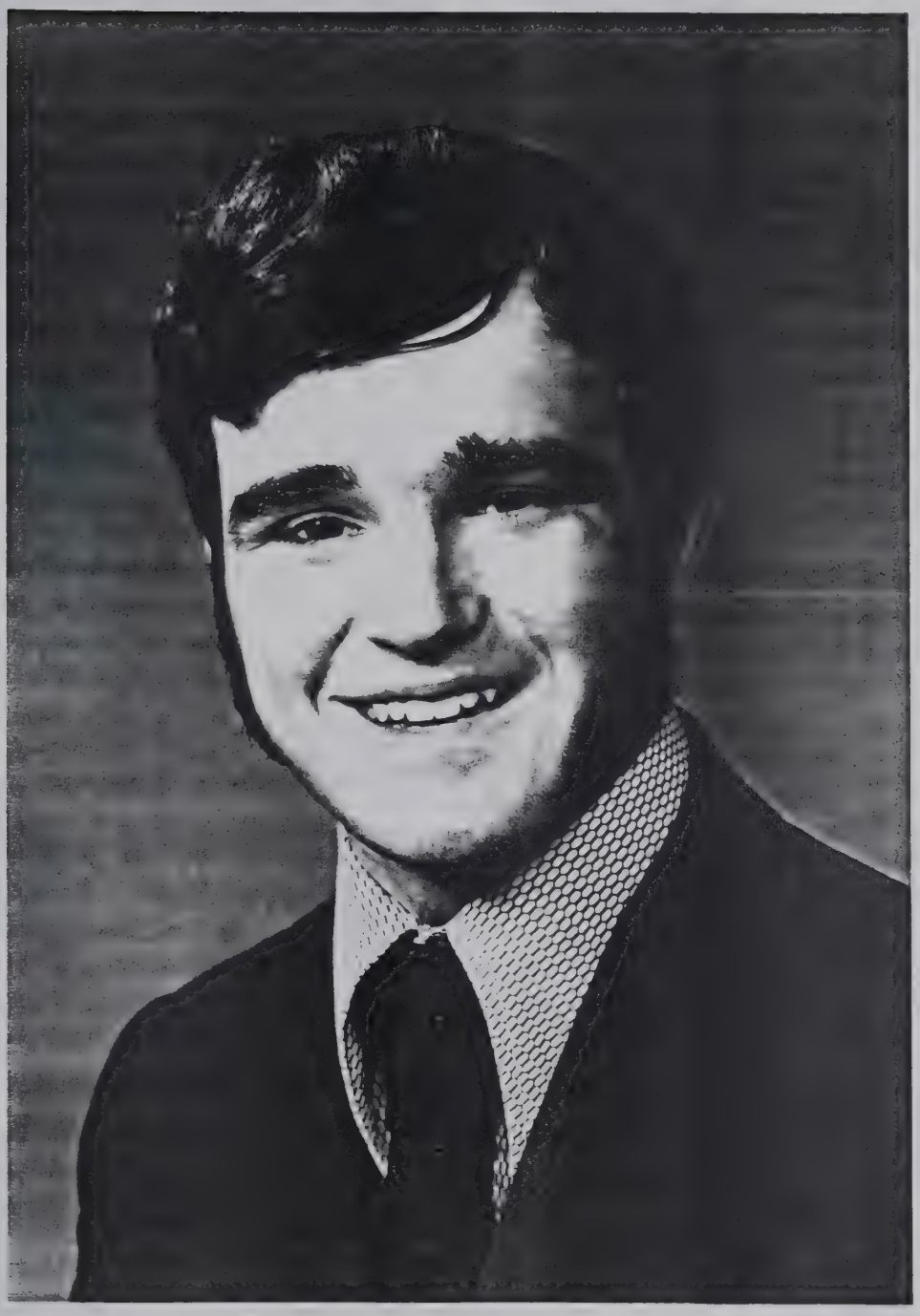
David Lee Dyson

The Board of Trustees
The Faculty and Graduating Class
of
Indiana Vocational Technical College
at Fort Wayne
request the honor of your presence
at the Commencement Exercises
Saturday evening, June fifth
Nineteen hundred and seventy-six
eight o'clock
Northrop High School
Fort Wayne, Indiana

DAVID LEE DYSON

May 1970
8th Grade Graduation
Columbia Township School
Whitley Co. Indiana

DAVID LEE DYSON



May 1974
Columbia City Joint High School
Columbia City, Indiana
Whitley Co. Indiana

1958
3 mo. old

1959
1 yr. old

Dance Classes Offered Here

Weekly dance classes, beginning June 14, will be offered for girls and boys, ages four to 18 years, at the Moose Lodge in Warsaw. Lois Ellen Dyson, instructor, will be teaching modern ballet, tap and jazz dancing.

Miss Dyson is a Columbia City Joint High School graduate, presently attending Ravenscroft Beauty College at Fort Wayne in addition to operating Lois Ellen's Dance School, Rt. 9, Columbia City.

She has studied dancing for ten years and is working to acquire her teaching master's from the Chicago National Dance Assn. Her dance school at Columbia City completed its third year with an annual dance revue. In addition, she has gained stage and entertainment experience in dancing in revues, televison, for non-rofit organizations and special groups and has participated in the Fort Wayne Three Rivers Festival.

1964 about 6 yr. old
Leo Elementary School
Leo, Ind. Allen Co

Lois started dance school
Fall 1973
when she was 14 yr. old.

Lois E. Dyson

Learn to Dance

Enroll now for classes in tap, jazz, or ballet. Children's classes begin Sept. 25 (ages 4 -18)

Lois Ellen's
Dance Studio

Call Lois Brandenburg, 244-5353

LOIS ELLEN DYSON

May 1972
8th Grade Graduation
Columbia Township School
Whitley Co. Indiana

LOIS ELLEN DYSON

May 1976
Columbia City Joint High School
Columbia City, Ind.
Whitley Co. Indiana

Born: Nov. 5, 1962

10 yrs. - 1973

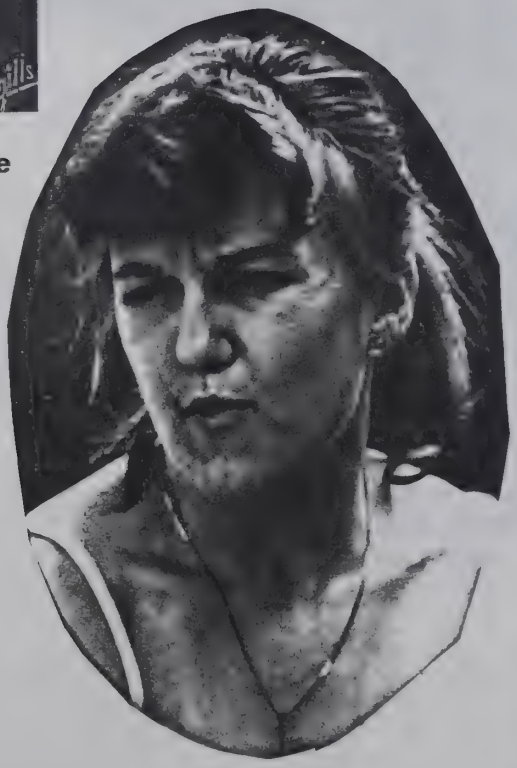
11 yrs.- 1974

LORINDA SUE DYSON

Lorinda made this jacket suit in Home Ec.-CCJHS--1978-79

Lois Ellen's Dance School
-teacher-
1987

1988



LORINDA SUE DYSON

May 1977
8th Grade Graduation
Columbia Township School
Whitley Co. Indiana

LORINDA SUE DYSON

May 1981
Columbia City Joint High School
Columbia City, Ind.
Whitley Co. Indiana

Born: July 30, 1965
June 1966-with mother, Patricia

1968 - 3 yr. old

DEANN KAY DYSON

1987

1986
DeAnn, Vera & Elroy Watson, Dawn Dyson

3 or 4 yr. old--1968
Hawaiian Dancer

1974 - 9 yr. old
Scottish Dancing

3rd grade-1974
Columbia Twp.
School-Whitley Co.

DEANN KAY DYSON

May 1979-8th grade
Columbia Twp. School-Whitley Co. Ind.

May 1983-graduation
CCJHS-Columbia City, Ind.
Whitley Co., Ind.

DEANN KAY DYSON

May 1983
Columbia City Joint High School
Columbia City, Ind.
Whitley Co. Indiana

DAWN LYNETTE DYSON
Central Noble Middle School
Albion, Indiana-Noble Co.
8th grade 1986

Born: July 13, 1972

1973

1974-2 yr. old

DAWN LYNETTE DYSON

3-1/2 yrs.-Spring-1976
Lois Ellen's Dance School

Easter 1974--12 yr. old

DAWN LYNETTE DYSON

Central Noble High School
Jr. 1988-89

Ballet in
Lois Ellen's Dance School
Spring 1987

Central Noble High School
Albion, Indiana-Noble Co.
J.V. Cheerleader 1987-88

DAWN LYNETTE DYSON

June 1990
Central Noble High School
Albion, Indiana-Noble Co.

DAWN LYNETTE DYSON

JV CHEERLEADER 1987-89
VARSITY CHEERLEADER-SQUAD CAPTAIN 1989-90
CENTRAL NOBLE HIGH SCHOOL
Albion, Indiana-Noble Co.

DAWN LYNETTE DYSON

CENTRAL NOBLE THEATER & DRAMA CO.
Albion, Indiana
1989-90
and student of Lois Ellen's Dance School since 1975

Robert L. Dyson

Motor Service Now Operated Here By Allen County Man

Dyson Motor Service owned and operated by Robert Dyson, and located on Old 30 E, is now open for business.

Coming from Allen County, Mr. Dyson has ten years of mechanic experience on all American-made automobiles, trucks and tractors.

Among trade school awards received by Mr. Dyson during this time are Dr. of Motors Degree, American Motors, Rear Wheel Alignment, Sun Tune Up and recognition by Ford Motor Company for outstanding achievement.

Complete mechanical service is offered by Mr. Dyson on cars, trucks and tractors. In addition to the guaranteed service, he will be a public licensed inspection station for passenger and light commercial (all trucks), all commercial motorcycle and foreign made vehicles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyson and their four children are residing a mile and a half southwest of Columbia City. 3/12/70

about Dec. 1972

DYSON FAMILY

(front row, left to right)
Lorinda Sue, age-about 10 years
Dawn Lynette, age-about 4-5 months
Patricia
Robert
DeAnn Kay, age-about 7 years

(back row, left to right)
Lois Ellen, age-about 14 years
David Lee, age-about 17 years

DYSON FAMILY 1984
(back row) Robert & Patricia
(middle row) Lois (26 yrs.), Dawn (12 yrs.), DeAnn (19 yrs.)
(front row) Lorinda (22 yrs.), David (29 yrs.)

1979
Robert & Patricia Dyson
25th
Wedding Anniversary

David & Tammy Dyson
(parents) Robert & Patricia Dyson

MR. & MRS. DAVID LEE DYSON
Married: Aug. 5, 1978
United Methodist Church
Columbia City, Ind.--Whitley Co.

David & Tammy Dyson
(parents) Robert & Patricia Dyson
Dawn Dyson (6 yrs.)
Lois, Lorinda & DeAnn Dyson

Tammy & David Dyson

DYSON
Tammy (Meagher), David,
Dean (2-1/2 yrs.), Christy (5 yrs.)
Dec. 1986

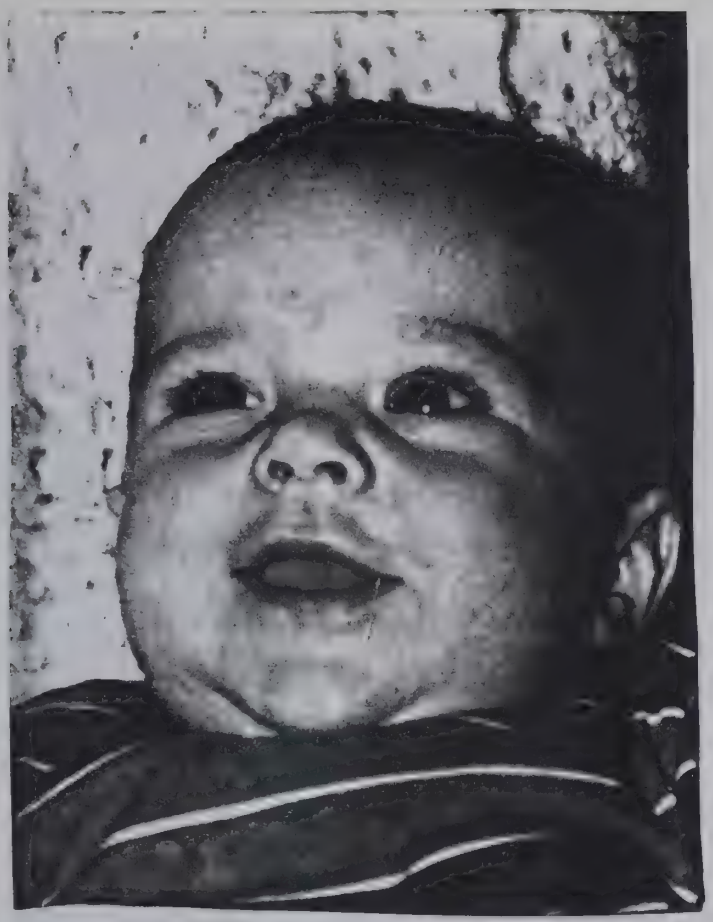
Born: Oct. 10, 1981

1983

CHRISTINA RENAE DYSON

Lois Ellen's Dance Revue
Spring 1987 - 4 yr. old

Fall-1988 - 6 yrs.
Mary Raver School
Columbia City, Ind.



Dean Lester Dyson
Born: June 29, 1984

1987
Dean (3 yr.), Robert &
David Dyson

1988 - Dean Dyson (4 yr.)

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Lee Brandenburg
Married: Sept. 16, 1978
B. T. Roberts Methodist Church
Columbia City, Ind.--Whitley Co.

LOIS ELLEN DYSON

Lorinda Dyson, Maid of Honor
Lois Dyson, Bride
DeAnn Dyson, Bridesmaid
Dawn Dyson, Flowergirl (6 yrs.)

Mother (Patricia Dyson
Daughter, Lois--the Bride

August 1988

Carrie Brandenburg (Age 8), Heather Brandenburg (Age 3)

Jimmie and Lois (Dyson) Brandenburg

WHAT IS A GRANDMOTHER?

(To my grandchildren)

A grandmother is a little girl who suddenly shows up one day with a touch of gray in her hair. Better than anything, she has a way of understanding little boys. Especially men who are grown-up little boys.

Something about a grandmother is always making you hungry. Maybe it's the apple pies baking and the chicken frying and the cookies in the oven. But grandma always has the nicest smelling house in all our memories.

Long before band-aids were invented, she was the best person to take care of scraped knees and scratched elbows and banged heads. If they could put her kind of love and medicine in a bottle, God could have opened a drug store. It was something in the way she touched you and the way her soft voice wrapped a bandage around your heart.

Grandmother was an expert on mischief, too. Especially when you had been into it. When she looked right into your eyes it was pretty hard to fool her about what really happened. Really...

And it was when you were almost too big to sit in her lap that you began to learn that she was a very special person to talk to. Sometimes, she would give you the right answers without ever saying a word. She had a way of listening that made the problems melt down to size. How did a little girl ever grow up to be so smart? Maybe it came with the gray hair. Maybe it came suddenly with being a grandmother. Anyway, I'm glad it came and I'm glad I became me....a special me... because of her.

(This was barrowed from Harry & Gloria McMahan)

The above also speaks for Vera (Bender) Watson's grandchildren

PROVERBS

Keep your eyes wide open, when courting you go --
After marriage, half-shut--for by now, you know....

In my lifetime, "The Man in the Moon" became "A Man On the Moon". Every pillow knows: Two heads are better then one. Both ideas are pretty romantic, if you ask me.

A Woman has the right to change her mind occasionally. Otherwise how would she keep it clean?

The Electrical Age is wonderful. Everything in the home is controlled by switches--except the children.

Why is it my parents thought they knew so much more than I did? And now, my own children think so, too.

Money is the root of most family fights.

Talk is cheap until you get the bill from the phone company.

I know a man who remembers how little things cost when he was young. And then I have to remind him: How little he earned.

Always remember: Today's caterpillar will be tomorrow's butterfly.

Born: June 12, 1980

1983 - 3 yr. old

7 yr. old - 1987

CARRIE ANN BRANDENBURG

Born: Aug. 1, 1985

HEATHER RANEE BRANDENBURG

1986 - 1 Yr. old

1987 2 yr. old

1988 - 3 yr. old

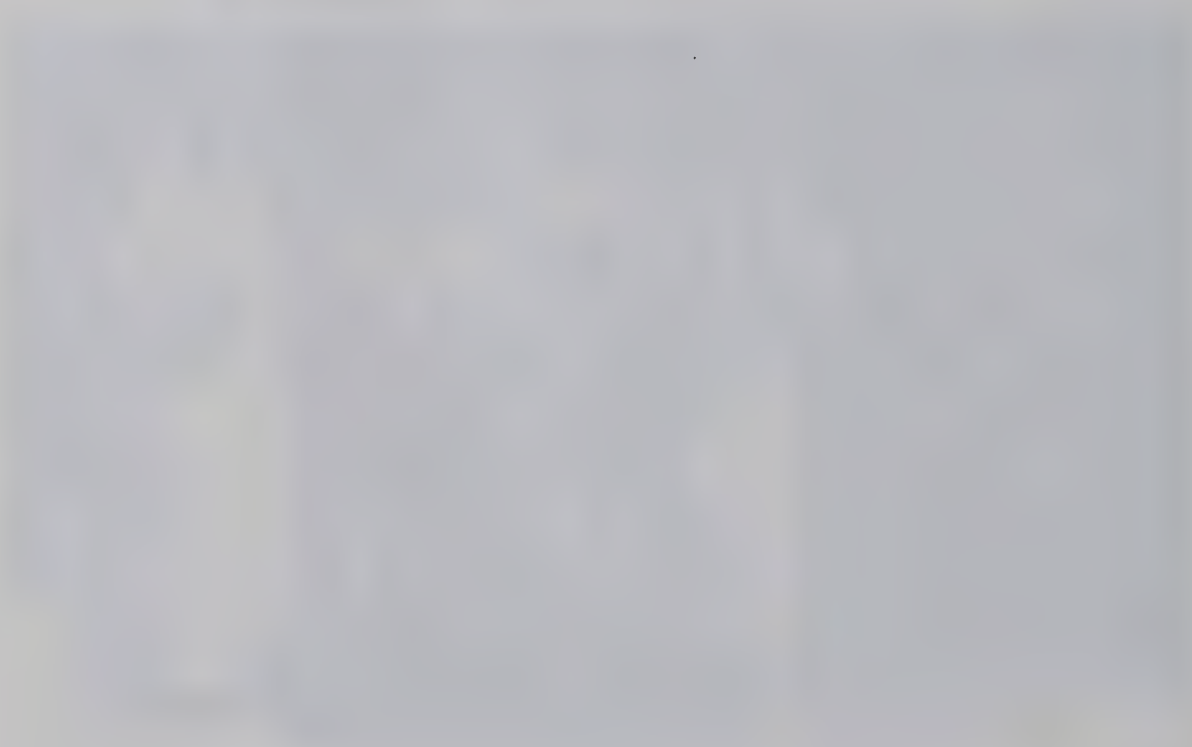
Dec. 1985--Patricia, Robert, David, Tammy, Lorinda Dyson, Jim, Lois (Dyson) Brandenburg, DeAnn & Dawn Dyson, Heather & Carrie Brandenburg, Dean & Christy Dyson

Christy--4 yrs.
Carrie--5 yrs.
Heather--4 mo.
Dean--1-1/2 yrs.

Easter 1986--Lorinda, Tammy, David, Elroy & Vera Watson, Robert & (dog, Lucky) Dawn, Jim Brandenburg, DeAnn Dyson, (front row) Dean & Christy Dyson, Carrie Brandenburg, Patricia Dyson, Lois (Dyson) & Heather Brandenburg

May 1988
Jim, Lois (Dyson) Brandenburg, Patricia, Robert, DeAnn, Lorinda, Dawn, David, Tammy Dyson
Carrie, Heather Brandenburg, Vera & Elroy Watson, Dean & Christy Dyson
(dog, Heidi)

Spring 1987 - Lois Ellen's Dance Revue
Lois (Dyson) Brandenburg, DeAnn, Lorinda, Dawn Dyson
Christy Dyson & Carrie Brandenburg



(The children of Robert & Patricia
Dyson wrote the following poem attached
with money to buy Dining Room Table Pads)

Every year at Christmas Time
Occurs a problem as old as Father Time,
The usual arguments ensue,
on the kind of gift to get for you.
Now the five of us could not decide,
should it be long, short, or wide?
The color was a problem too,
Should it be red, white or blue?
And should it have squiggles, wiggles
or just nothing at all?
The decisions was enough to make us sit
down and bawl!
We were all getting headaches from
the new questions arising.
Like who was to get it and
who would keep it in hiding?
Now a decision has been reached
And the problem is now all yours.
The design can be picked out by one,
And the color by the other.
And although this gift is for you both,
I don't know who will enjoy it most.
The one who prepares the supper,
or the one who brings home the bread & butter!
Both will benefit you see,
When you have company.
So as you open this gift
Please keep in mind,
the time it took:
for us to make up our mind!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

1987

MEMOR

By Dawn Dyson 1985-86

(A space shuttle exploded after
lifting off the pad at the Cape in Fla)

Seven astronauts full of pride,
While reaching for the stars have died.
All the world big and bold,
Miss the Challenger and it's load.
All the children far and adults near,
Hold the thought of a gigantic tear.
We loved them all, the teacher too,
ones who knew them were not a few.
Although we do grieve from the loss
We must always keep going,
whatever the cost.
They may not be here any longer,
but their spirits are here
beating stronger.

The following was written for Lois (married Sept. 16, 1978) by her sisters--Lorinda, DeAnn & Dawn.

(To the tune HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS)

Have a happy cheerful wedding,
It's the best time of your life!
I don't know if there'll be rice,
But you'll have something nice.

Have a happy cheerful wedding,
And as you drive down the street,
Honk your horn to friends you know,
And everyone you meet.

Oh, Oh, the wedding bells,
Ringing merrily;
When you hear them ringing,
Sing a song for me.

Have a happy cheerful wedding,
And in case you didn't hear,
We're wishing you happiness,
All through your years.

LITTLE BITS ABOUT ME...
Patricia (Watson) Dyson

"A baby's birth--An awakening of life.....
a fresh beginning.....A dawning of happiness and live."

It is Dec. 1989 and I am 54 yrs. old. I am living a full life and now I want to tell my family about it.

To begin at the beginning, I was born in Liberty Twp., Wells Co., Ind. at the home of my grandparents, Jennie (Christman) and Vergie Bender. It was a Sunday morning Nov. 3, 1935. I weighed 5# plus and no hair and brown eyes. My parents named me "Patricia" but I grew up with a few nicknames by my aunts—"Patty". A neighbor, Bill Roembke, at Ossian, Ind. called me "Tootle-bugs". Later, friends called me Pat. My mother and dad were both 24 yrs. old when I was born.

The first house that I remember that we lived in was the 3rd house since my birth and it was south of Albion, Ind. about 2-1/2 miles and was a farm owned by Butz. My dad was their hired hand for about 9 mo. I recall the living room, stairs going upstairs, where the kitchen table & stove were. I remember the corn crib and shelling corn with mother. A sad happening--my dog was killed on State Rd. 9 near our home. I was about 3 yrs. old then. We moved back to Grandma Bender's for a few months before moving 4 mi. east of Ossian, Ind. Renting this farm from Jessie & Audrey Prough of Bluffton, Ind. The well went bad while we were living there and we carried all our drinking water about 1/2 mi. in milk cans.

It was there that I started my 1st day of school at Ossian. I rode the school bus and everything was so frightening. My first grade teacher was Helena Monasmith. I was sick a lot and had a hard time in school except spelling was my best subject. It was home work after school while mother wrapped my hair into long curls. During my 1st grade I was amazed that they had a big room that they played ball (gym) I also bought saving bond stamps and earned war bonds at that time too. Games we played at school was Hop-Scotch & Mother-May-I. Dad used to attempt to paddle me when I used to pull my toy "Doppy" that beat on drums because I always pulled it when he wanted to listen to the news on the radio.

It was 1941 and World War 11 broke out. Since we were only a few miles from the Baer Field Airport south of Ft. Wayne, Ind. the so called "Black Outs" & "Air Raid" practices were practiced in our area. There was gas rationing, food stamps - for sugar, meat, gas etc. During these war times I helped gather milk weed pods from the fields in large bags then these were used in flotation devices for the war.

I helped do all the chores and being an only child this learning experience was fun for me. We had rabbits, goats, my dog, Patsy, cats and a couple gold fish. There were bannies and the fun of hand feeding and teaching the new baby calves to drink from a bucket.

Besides skinned knees and elbows--When I was about 9 I was pretending to perform like the free acts did at the Bluffton Street Fair--I was on a corn cultivator and fell and cut my forehead and had to have a couple stitches. It was evening and was hard to find a Dr.

Like most country folks - we had a ice box, outdoor toilet and a kitchen warming stove, base burner for heat. Mother cooked on a kerosene cook stove.

My dad played games with me like dominos and Uncle Wiggley. Grandpa Bender made a game of Authors (card game). These were teaching games that helped in learning school lessons.

My mother raised canarys to earn money for a sewing machine. In the evenings while listening to radio to Major Bowles Talent, Henry Aldrich, Baby Snooks, The Lone Ranger, Fibber McGee & Molly and Roy Rogers & Dale Evans we cut and pulled burlap for the bird nest.

When electric power came to the farm (about 1941) I remember being afraid of turning on the light switch. Then the marvelous refrigerator that we were able to use (belonging to my Aunt Maryalis) All those ice cubes that it made were wonderful.

My mother used to wash my hair by laying me on the ironing board over the big sink. I had been told my hair would bleed if I cut it so I never cut any of my long curls and when the time came for a hair cut I gave everyone a bad time.

One year we had so many peas in the garden and dad fixed up the wringer on the washing machine to pod them and putting newspaper all around they still flew all over the cellar. Mother still had 90 some pint of peas and peas wasn't my favorite vegetable. All fresh fruit, like pineapple, peaches etc. I was only allowed a taste, it had to be canned first as fresh fruits would make one sick. However, we gathered wild raspberries by the bucket along the fence rows and in the woods. A treat of berries and milk with sugar after a long day of picking was enjoyed.

The Huckster Wagon came once a week and traded our eggs for staple groceries. I was allowed to have Horlics Malted Milk (tablets) that came in a jar. Oh, so good. (Like a candy and was also used for malted milk and baking.) Since we lived up a lane. I only got gum and hard candy from the road grader man when I stayed at Grandma Bender's. I always got to visit there a couple weeks in the summer and Grandpa used to tell me stories and carve out things from wood for me and make me nice things. They didn't get electricity till late 40's and lanterns and kerosene lamps were the light. I always got to help milk by hand and was fun to feed the cats. It was always a treat to get to drink a warm tin cup of milk with all the foam on top.

Everywhere we lived we had nice neighbors--Roembkes and Melchings at Ossian, Ind. Then there was Charles & Gene Wolf at Liberty Center. We moved to Liberty Twp. Wells Co. about 1947 when I was in 5th and 6th grade. MY first club was 4-H. I took sewing and sewed a tea-towel, one by hand and one by machine. Also made a bib apron and embroidered a Mammy on it. The material was from bleached feed sacks. I received ribbons on my 4-H projects and was a Jr. Leader but never was honored by exhibiting at the State Fair. I had all the diseases like Measles, chickenpox and mumps. I had Scarlet Fever and after that I had my tonsils out when I was in the 4th or 5th grade. I was so skinny and sick, I weighed 35#.

I didn't have a tricycle but did get a bicycle when I was probably about 9 and it was a boy's bicycle and I would take my dog for a ride on the bicycle by using a board between the bars and Patsy would balance with her hind feet and front feet on the handlebars.

In the summer there was free outdoor movies both at Liberty Center and Poneto. What fun taking blankets to sit on and popcorn.

When I was growing up-I suppose you could describe me as shy, skinny tomboy. I always wanted to be a boy; but the one dress I remember most was one my Aunt Maryalis made me out of pillow ticking. It was a pretty blue and white strip and always was crisp and neat.

I never cared much to get up early in the morning or a cold bath. I was shy, didn't like a dentist nor dreary weather.

I like to collect friends and recipes.

Playing with dolls and playing house, licking the ice cream paddle

and making chains with dandelion stems. Catching lightening bugs and pulling taffy.

My favorite color is red, I love Roses, and favorite day is Sunday and evenings of any day.

I learned to play the piano and took lessons, and played the clarinet in the school band. After marriage I learned to play the electric organ.

Some songs when I was young was "Don't Fence Me In", "Marzy Dotzes", and in high school was "Red Roses For A Blue Lady", "I'm Looking Over a 4-Leaf Clover", "Half As Much" & "My Dreams Are Getting Better All The Time". But My favorite of all is the hymn "In The Garden"

My favorite Aunt was Aunt Annabelle, as she had blonde hair and so pretty, lived in Ft. Wayne which seemed like a big city to me like the stories in my school reader. She was Dad's youngest sister. My favorite uncle was my dad's brother, Irvin. Again as a child I liked the gifts they brought me from Ft. Wayne and the city life it represented.

Bill Souder was a favorite cousin as at the time my only cousin but since we both were only children--we always was in fights when we were together.

Some of the first money I earned - when I was about 12 I mowed lawns for neighbors and baby sitting. Helped a neighbor clean house, like wash walls and wood work etc. Then took a job at Bill Fryback's Ice Cream Store and snack place in Bluffton for 50 cents an hr. I was 15-16 yrs. old. I was not paid for over time and clean up but was allowed one snack. After graduation I worked in office at the Wells Co. Farm Bureau Co-op.

I took driver training when I was 15-1/2 and drove at 16 but was very limited on driving.

Some important purchases I made after have a full time job was dishes and small appliances toward a home of my own.

I never cared much for school after I left Ossian and Liberty Center. I just didn't fit in at high school.

Christmas was always my favorite Holiday--my mother used to help Santa by making a lot of doll clothes for my doll. My stocking was filled with goodies like an apple, orange and hard candy and walnuts in the shell.

I don't know just when I learned to fish but something I have and still enjoy. Some of the Tomboy just stuck with me.

Chocolate Pudding and Chocolate cupcakes were probably my favorite foods as a child. As for candy--probably the Horlics Malted Milk Tablets. A few foods I never did learn to really like are pumpkin Pie and liver, mush and cooked spinach.

My first train ride was in 1953 on my senior trip to Washington D. C. and New York. Also a very memorable trip. I had a part in both my Jr. & Sr. class plays at Chester Center High School. I was a nosy old neighbor in the one and baked a chocolate pie and another cast member was to sit in it when I intentionally put it on a chair.

I loved to sq. dance and Rural Youth and earlier in 4-H club camps. Sq. dancing and folk dancing for recreation.

ROBERT LEWIS DYSON
Son-Husband-Father-Grandfather-Friend

A bouncing 12# boy was born to Floyd & Mildred (Eads) Dyson, their 5th and last child. Robert Lewis Dyson - August 29, 1933 - born at home (Richvalley Prairie) The mother of John Unger (neighbor during all the Dyson children growing up years) was the midwife. Bob was the nickname attached to him but parents and family always called him "Robert".

Robert remembers when he was 6 or 7 yrs. old and back to when he used to roll down the stairs after a nap. He broke his right arm about that time; he was laying on the ground in a game of tag when his brother, Richard, fell on him. A broken arm didn't stop Robert from having to work and was in the field plowing with the horses.

(Neighbors recall how hard and how rough a life Robert had growing up)

His parents built on to the house when he was 6 or 7 yrs. old. Robert did his share in helping as the basement was dug out with a slip scoop and horses and a lot of work by hand. Plaster dust ate the lining in his lungs and developed asthma; and this condition continued to stay with him the rest of his life. In 1947 his parents took him to New Mexico to live with a family referred by a Dr. Robert was a freshman in high school and this had to be a frightening experience but was a healthful and wonderful experience too; as the family was a very loving family and he learned a different way of life not only with them but in the school there too.

One of the chores assigned to Robert was to carry in wood (the Dysons always cut and burned wood for heat) Then in the spring was Maple Syrup making and Robert again gathered wood and gathered sugar water buckets from the trees. Then the garden and fruit of all kinds was Robert's job to pick and gather.

Robert rode the school bus to school; this bus had seats down the sides and a row of seats down the middle. His 3rd or 4th grade teacher was Mrs. Stoops and he remembers her (his comment (she was like a old battle-ax) These expressions were common during the 40's & 50's. Mr. Tinkle was the principal. The school was Linlawn, Wabash Co. Ind.

Because of asthma he didn't get to participate in games or in sports, but remembers fun at church parties and boy scouts; not only excelled well in all the badges but received the GOD & COUNTRY AWARD too. The best vacations were had with the scouts and trips to New Mexico and to Wisconsin (canoe trip)

He was a 4-H club member and had Chester White pigs; but never was able to exhibit at the fair because of asthma and the use of straw.

During teen years every summer was spent at some aunt, uncle or where he would be out of dust and more free from asthma.

There were a couple months lessons on the guitar and on the drums. Just wasn't enough home encouragement to continue.

Times were remembered like his brother, Ralph, hitting himself in the head with a hammer and he was always picking thistles out of his bare feet.

There were pets-like- a Collie Mongrel and a chow dog, named Fluffy. Robert liked horse back riding and besides the pony, Beauty; he rode a couple horses into the woods and to a near by park but then came the time he had to part with his horses (he had broke them from colts) His dad insisted that to get a tractor, not only the work horses would be sold but the riding horses too. How sad this experience must of have been.

Robert rode the work horses to take up hay too. The tractor was a

John Deere, the first that replaced the horses.

When Robert was a Sophmore in High School he went to work for Raymond Jackson, a neighbor farmer. He worked as a hired hand for 50 cents an hr. and after his marriage Jan. 31, 1954 he got a raise to 75 cents an hr.

All boys are collectors and Robert was no exception--he collected jokes and Ripley Believe It Or Nots. He had them in scrapbooks and kept them till they were destroyed in the family home fire in Mar. 1985.

Like most kids he too had all the diseases, like mumps, chickenpox, measles etc. Tonsils removed too.

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burned. This was a very difficult time as a baby was expected in Dec. of 1955. On Nov. 20, 1955-David Lee made his debut at 4#-10 oz. Little but mighty and with tender loving care he was a healthy, happy child.

Robert worked at a boat factory in Grabill, Ind. to supplement the income till the factory burned.

About 1956 due to bad times in farming Robert and Patricia sold out and bought a little house in Leo. Robert took a job working at a Shell Station in Leo, Ind. and there learned the mechanic trade. Lois was born when we lived here. From working at the Shell Station it was on to better things--Ford Garage in Grabill and then various mechanic employment at garages and dealerships in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Going to short course mechanical schoolings and more learning. About 1960 we bought a ranch house on the Leo-Grabill Rd. A beautiful home and with a lot of hard work we landscaped with beautiful flowers and bushes. It was while here that Lorinda and DeAnn was born. By 1970 we became unhappy with the teachings in the school and moved on to Columbia City. Here we rented a home and saved to built a home on the 75 acres we bought east of Columbia City. We settled for a double wide trailer in the spring of 1972. We had bought a building in Columbia city in 1970 and started a garage business so the family was all busy with improvements at both places. Dawn was born in 1972 and Patricia faced several surgeries which resulted in good health.

Robert worked hard and long hours in his own business-Dyson Motor Service, repairing in all mechanical from 1970 to 1980. Closed due to poor economy. Begin other employment driving semi for Babcock Dairy then was Maintenance Supervisor for Meadow Gold Dairy. These businesses closed and in 1983 Robert took a job with Avilla Mfg. in Industrial maintenance. It was during this employment at 50 yrs. old he went to night college classes at Ivy Tech and passed a course in Industrial Electrical. Adding to more employment opportunity.

Fire consumed our Columbia City Home on Mar. 3, 1985. With help & prayers from friends, neighbors, and family we began to pick up the pieces and rebuild our lives with God's Blessings.

PROVERBS

Want a warm bright experience? Keep the Christmas Tree Lights in your heart.

Honesty is the best policy--for losing friends.

Let us live for today, Dream of a tomorrow, and learn from yesterday.

To all my friends - I love you more today than yesterday, and less than I will tomorrow..

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PARENTS OF ROBERT LEWIS DYSON

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF FLOYD & MILDRED (EADS) DYSON

* Floyd Lorrine Dyson
B: Mar. 18, 1901 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Apr. 18, 1979 Wells Co. and burial in Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Feb. 6, 1923 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
* Mildred Florence Eads
B: May 24, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: April 15, 1985 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

1. Myrtle Elizabeth Dyson
B: Feb. 2, 1924 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Sept. 26, 1947 Wabash Co. Ind.
Divorced: Sept. 28, 1984 in Fla.
to
Joseph Jackson Paul
B: Feb. 28, 1918 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

1a. Bruce Allen Paul
B: Oct. 18, 1950 Muncie, Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: June 19, 1971 _____
to
Donna Jean Phillabaum
B: May 16, 1954 _____
D: _____ _____
Divorced: Oct. 5, 1973 _____
Bruce Allen Paul
2nd Marriage: June 1, 1975
Kathy Kastner
B: Oct. 26, 1953 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

1a1. Kristy Paul
B: June 8, 1976 _____
D: _____ _____

1b. Glenn Lewis Paul
B: Aug. 25, 1953 Sarasota, Fla.
D: _____ _____
Married: Aug. 28, 1980 _____
to
Barbara Buck Vandewarter
B: July 19, 1952 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

1b1. Daniel Jseph Paul
B: Feb. 9, 1983 _____
D: _____ _____

2. Martha Ellen Dyson
B: Sept. 27, 1925 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Nov. 30, 1946 _____
to
Jack Gaillard Hughes
B: Nov. 27, 1921 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: May 17, 1961 Cancer-in Fla.
Children:

2a. Lawrence (Larry) David Hughes
B: Sept. 8, 1947 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: January 11, 1966 _____
to
Barbara Gail Beasley
B: Nov. 28, 1947 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

2a1. Robert Dwayne Hughes
B: Feb. 7, 1968 Allen Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

2b. Howard Eugene Hughes
B: Mar. 30, 1950 _____
D: _____ _____
Married: Aug. 22, 1970 Wabash Co. Ind.
Divorced: Dec. 7, 1972 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
Melba Ruth Parrett
B: Mar. 9, 1951 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

2b1. Julie Mae Hughes
B: Dec. 2, 1971 _____
D: _____ _____

Howard Eugene Hughes
2nd Marriage: Nov. 21, 1973 _____
Susan Kay Wessling Durham
B: Aug. 16, 1954 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

2b1-. Jason Daniel Hughes
B: April 26, 1975 _____
D: _____ _____

Howard & Sue Divorced: May 11, 1978 _____

2b. Howard Eugene Hughes
3rd. marriage: July 29, 1989 (Fla)
Celeste Barber
B:
D:
Celeste had 3 children:
Kenny
Cheryl
Mike

2c. Carol Ann Hughes
Divorced from Dave Johnston
Carol's 4th marriage: Nov. 7, 1988
Mason Moseley
B:
D:

2c. Carol Ann Hughes
B: Jan. 22, 1952 ____Fla.
D: _____ _____
Married: April 10, 1971 _____
to
Frederick Leon Roush
B: Dec. 27, 1946 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:
2c1. Grady Kain Roush
B: Jan 2, 1972 Allen Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
2c-2-adopted Ryan Keith (Gregory)
B: Oct. 5, 1977 Allen Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Carol & Fred Divorced: May 1980 _____
Carol's 2nd Marriage: May 7, 1982 _____
to
John Snyder
B: Aug. 31, 1952 _____
D: _____ _____
John had 2 girls-
Jennifer Lynn Snyder
B: May 3, 1974 _____
D: _____ _____
Mellisa Ann Snyder
B: Nov. 23, 1975 _____
D: _____ _____
Carol & John Divorced Jan. 1983 _____
Carol's 3rd Marriage: Aug. 15, 1985 _____
to
David Johnston
B: June 3, 1947 _____
D: _____ _____

Martha's 2nd Marriage: April 7, 1962 ____Fla.
to
Jack Dewey Gregory
B: Nov. 29, 1931 _____
D: _____ _____
Jack had 2 children:
Jacklyn Ann Gregory
B: Oct. 30, 1957 _____
D: _____ _____
Jacklyn had 2 sons--Ryan Keith adopted by Carol & Fred Roush
and
Damien Michael Gregory
B: Dec. 9, 1978 Allen Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Thomas Kirby Gregory
B: July 17, 1959 _____
D: _____ _____

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B: July 17, 1959 _____
D: _____ _____
Married: Oct. 15, 1983 _____Calif.
to
Constance Ruth Brogan
B: March 18, 1959 _____
D: _____ _____
Thomas & Constance divorced: April 1986 ___Calif.

3. Richard Allen Dyson
B: Feb. 18, 1929 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: July 1, 1951 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
Virginia Ellen Hoppes
B: July 21, 1929 _____
D: _____ _____
Children:
3a. Kent Allen Dyson
B: April 14, 1954 ___Calif.
D: _____ _____
3b. Ron Lee Dyson
B: July 9, 1958 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Richard & Virginia Divorced: 1972 Wabash Co. Ind.

Richard's 2nd Marriage: April 20, 1974 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
Tina Holmes Callicotte
B: Aug. 31, 1946 _____
D: _____ _____
Tina had 3 girls--
Amy Callicotte
B: June 2, 1967 _____
D: _____ _____
Vickie Callicotte
B: Mar. 1, 1970 _____
D: _____ _____
Renee Callicotte
B: Mar. 22, 1973 _____
D: _____ _____
Richard & Tina Divorced: Nov. 27, 1979 Wabash Co. Ind.
(these 2 dates unconfirmed)
Richard Allen Dyson 3rd. Marriage: Oct. 29, 1979 _____
to
Arlene Cormany Eads (her 1st. marriage was to Porter Eads
B: _____ _____ (Richard & Porter are cousins)
D: _____ _____
Richard & Arlene Divorced: Dec. 1985 _____
Arlene had 5 children:

Arlene's children:

Allen LeRoy Eads
B: April 13, 1956 _____
D _____ _____
Andra Lynn Eads
B: May 31, 1957 _____
D: _____ _____
Sylvia Ann Eads
B: Feb. 26, 1959 _____
D: _____ _____
Laura Arlene Eads
B: Nov. 8, 1961 _____
D: _____ _____
Steven Arlo Eads
B. June 14, 1964 _____
D: _____ _____

4. Ralph Porter Eads
B: May 24, 1931 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

* 5. Robert Lewis Dyson
B: Aug. 29, 1933 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Jan. 31, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind. (license-Wells Co.)
to
** Patricia Watson
B: Nov. 3, 1935 Wells Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:
5a. David Lee Dyson
B: Nov. 20, 1955 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Aug. 5, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Tamera Loy Meagher
B: Sept. 12, 1956 Allen Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:
5a1. Christina Ranae Dyson
B: Oct. 10, 1981 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
5a2. Dean Lester Dyson
B: June 29, 1984 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

5b. Lois Ellen Dyson
B: Aug. 23, 1958 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Sept. 16, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Jimmie Lee Brandenburg
B: Oct. 1, 1953 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:
5b1. Carrie Ann Brandenburg
B: June 12, 1980 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
5b2. Heather Rene Brandenburg
B: Aug. 1, 1985 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

5c. Lorinda Sue Dyson
B: Nov. 5, 1962 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: _____ _____
to
_____
B: _____ _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

5d. DeAnn Kay Dyson
B: July 30, 1965 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: _____ _____
to
_____
B: _____ _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

5e. Dawn Lynette Dyson
B: July 13, 1972 Noble Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: _____ _____
to
_____
B: _____ _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

Mildred Eads

Feb. 6, 1923

FLOYD & MILDRED (EADS) DYSON

A pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized yesterday at noon when Miss Mildred Eads, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Eads of east of Lagro was united in marriage to Floyd Dyson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dyson of Treaty. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents and was performed by Rev. V. P. Teeter of Lagro. The bride was attractively attired in a tailored dress of dark blue poiret twill. The bridesmaid, Miss Elma Landis, was dressed becomingly in a gown of brown canton crepe. Lewis Story acted as best man. After the ceremony a delicious three course dinner was served to Mr. & Mrs. Dyson, Miss Elma Landis, Lewis Story, Rev, & Mrs. A. P. Teeter, Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Eads, Mr & Mrs. Charles Dyson, Lester, Velma, and Ruth Dyson, Mr. & Mrs. Everett Herron, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Danner, Mrs. Helen Gray, who played the wedding march, Lloyd Miller, Paul Dyson, Miss Velma Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Trent, Myrtle Eads, Mr & Mrs. John Eads & family. At this time it was announced that Mr. & Mrs.Oscar Trent was married Feb. 5, 1923. Mrs. Trent, formerly Florence Dyson, sister of Floyd Dyson.

Marriage License

State of Indiana, Wabash County, ss:
To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

Know ye, *that any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages is hereby authorized to join together as husband and wife* Flora L. Agnew and Mildred F. Eads. *and for so doing this shall be sufficient authority.*

In Testimony Whereof, *I, Warner Bartholomew, Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court of Wabash, this* 6th *day of* February 1923

Warner Bartholomew *Clerk*

By Helen L. Gray *Deputy*

FLOYD & MILDRED (EADS) DYSON

OUR WEDDING CERTIFICATE

Tis not the love we get,
but that we give,
Which leaves glad memories
through the coming years.

The kindest and the
happiest pair
Will have occasion to forbear,
And something every day they live
To pity and perchance forgive.

Domestic happiness
thou only bliss
Of Paradise that has
survived the fall.

A wife becomes the
truest tenderest friend,
The balm of comfort,
and the source of joy
Thro' every various turn of
life the same.

The light of love
shines over all,
O love, that says not
mine and thine,
But ours, for ours is
thine and mine.

I know a little cottage home,
Where sweetest of sweet roses roam,
And there, half hid from sight,
Two loving heats have made their nest,
And, sun or shade, content they rest,
And think the whole world bright.

Never may the sunshine cease,
But your contentment weal and peace,
Be deepened as the years increase.

If you would have the
nuptial union last,
Let virtue be the tie
that binds it fast.

Safe from all adversity,
Upon the bosom of life's sea,
Thy comings and thy goings be.

Home is the sphere of
harmony and peace,
The spot where angels find
a resting place,
When bearing blessings they
decend to earth.

So let us live that, if,
misfortune's blast
Come like a whirlwind
to our hearths at last,
Sunbeams may break from
one small spot of blue,
To guide us safe life's
dreary desert through.

They were so one,
it never could be said
Which of them ruled, or
which of them obeyed,
He ruled because she would
obey, and she, By obeying
him, ruled as well as he
There ne'er was known
between them a dispute,
Save which the other's
will should execute.

Be it ever so humble,
there's no place like home.

That on the sixth day of
February in the year 1923
F. Loyd L. Wyson
and
Mildred F. Eads
were by me united in
MARRIAGE
at La Gro,
Indiana.
A. P. Teter.

Witnesses { Lewis V. Story.
Elma I. Landis.

MENU

1st
half an orange
2nd
Mashed Pot. & gravy
glazed sweet pot.
chicken, apricots,
Parker House rolls,
Oyster Dressing
cream peas, slaw
3rd
whip cream pie
Angel Food Cake
Fruit Salad
with whip cream &
Walnuts from Ore.

BRIDAL GIFTS

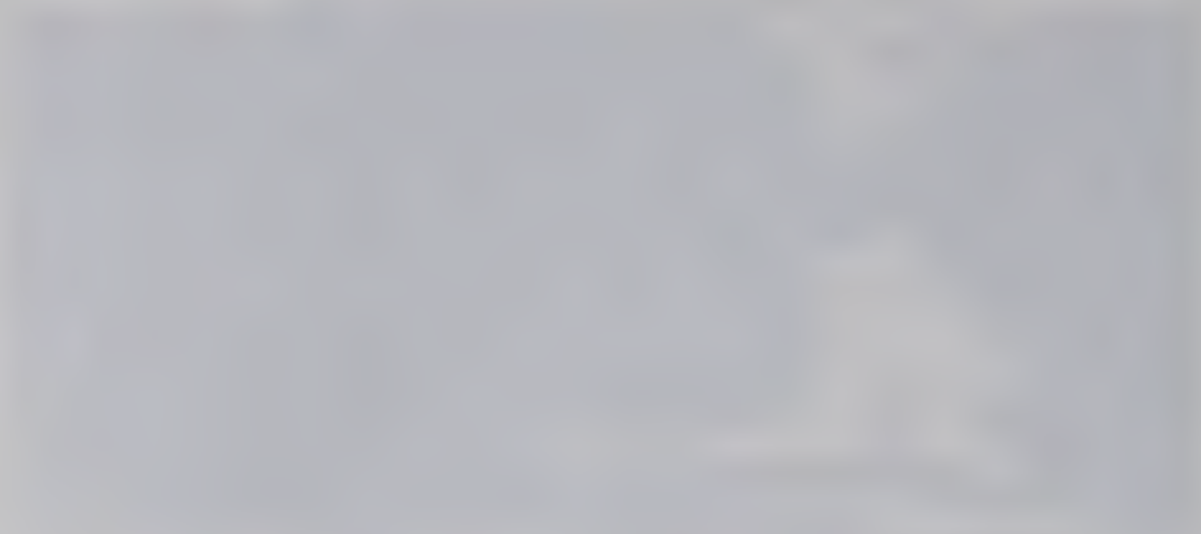
Chest of Silver--26 pcs.
gravy ladel
meat fork
deep dish
crochet lace for scarf
blanket pin
heifer--named Tulip

GUESTS

Elma Landis
Louis Story
Rev. & Mrs. Teeter
Myrtle Eads
Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Eads
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dyson
Mr. & Mrs. John Eads
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Trent
Mr. & Mrs. Evert Herron
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Danner
Mrs. Helen Gray
Lloyd Miller
Geneva Niccum
Velma Dyson
Lester Dyson
Ruth Dyson
John W. B. Eads
Viola Orr
Sarah Elizabeth Eads
James Eads
Miller Robert Eads
Paul Dyson

FLOYD & MILDRED (EADS) DYSON FARM

These pictures were taken in 1986. This is the farm that Floyd & Mildred moved to March 1928 south of Richvalley, Ind. Wabash Co. Robert Dyson was born here. Many changes has taken place with the house (resided, reroofed, enclosed porch. Hand dug basement when Robert was little. 50A tillable and 50A in woods & hills south behind bldgs.



REMINISCING THROUGH THE YEARS OF FLOYD L. DYSON

Father of Robert L. Dyson

Floyd was born in Madison Co.- a short way south of the Madison-Grant School Complex on St. Rd. 9.

Floyd's mother (Daisy (Davis) Dyson taught the children at home. They lived in an old rented house before moving to Wabash Co. about 1906 moved into the house that Floyd's grandpa (Davis) and 2nd wife had near Treaty. They moved on wagons and had 2 cows that walked behind the wagon. Aunt, Uncles brought teams and helped load everything in one day. Then stayed at Floyd's grandpa Dysons and prepared to leave early next day as it was a 30 mi. move and a long way then.

Floyd's Dad (Charles Dyson) had a license to teach school but chose to farm instead.

When they moved Floyd's grandpa Davis and Grandma Dyson took Floyd's mother, (Daisy) and her children to the street car and rode the street car from Fairmont to Treaty. (Lester was a baby)

Started farming about 1915. It was sometime during these years that the Charles Dyson family acquired or rented more farm land and moved a house back on another section of land. Which was a real chore then and Floyd drove the team of horses on the windless. The house was something like 48 x 48 ft. Walls 8 ft. tall.

In 1918 a early fall frost came and killed everything before it was ready.

About 1919 or 1920 Charles bought the 40 Acre Knee Farm south of Treaty. Then Charles traded the 40 acres that was across

from their farm for the farm at Richvalley. People by the name of Stanley.

Floyd married Mildred Eads Feb. 6, 1923 and they lived 5 yrs. on the Putman farm. Land was about $18 an acre then.

Floyd and Mildred had a Ford Touring car in 1925, it had side curtains on it.

In 1928 Floyd and Mildred moved to the farm at Richvalley. Moved on a wagon and then in 1930-1932 during the depression Floyd started the maple syrup. This continued for several years.

In the 1950's Floyd started a Silage-chopper business and filled silos and pits for counties around. Floyd's youngest son, Robert, and other hired help assisted him. Floyd's son, Richard was married and living in California and in the Marines. Another son, Ralph, was in the Air Force. Daughter, Myrtle was married after nurses training and living in Texas and daughter, Martha, married, and living in Fla. after finishing Secretarial school.

In 1972 Floyd suffered a stroke after being at Son, Robert's in Columbia City helping prepare for a double wide mobile home for Robert's family. From this time on his health deteriorated and propered care and doctors were not consulted. It was discovered that Floyd suffered from a broken bone in back from early years and this helped to bring on the stroke and other strokes followed over the remaining years of Floyd's life.

Floyd's death occurred April 18, 1979.

CHILDHOOD OF MILDRED (EADS) DYSON

As told by her

Mildred Dyson is Robert Dyson's mother -

Mildred was born on the north side of the Dora Pike, four miles east of Wabash. Dr. Brunner was the Dr. May 24, 1902. Mildred's sister, Myrtle, April 20, 1904 and brother, Porter January 17, 1906 were also born there. The house was torn down in 1976, owned by a Davis.

In 1906 John W. Eads (Mildred's father) had a sale and moved the family to Spiecherville, Wabash Co., Ind. He traded the farm to Dave Ridenour who owned the store. The farm was formerly owned by Jethro Wamsley, an uncle of Jasper Allen Eads. The store was a large building. The owner was Bill Musselman. This store contained three rooms at the west side and three rooms upstairs that people rented to live in.

For several years John W. Eads rented the front two rooms to Sam McKee, a negro barber. East of this was a large storeroom where the buggy, huckster wagon, etc. was kept. Above this was a large dance hall that was often used. Then came the store where was dry goods, etc, & groceries. Granulated sugar, A sugar, brown sugar, sometimes flour, came in barrels: candy in large wooden buckets, cheese in large round containers. Above the store was a hall and five rooms which John W. Eads rented at times.

The living quarters, had a living room, large bedroom, and a kitchen was built onto the north side. In 1909 John W. Eads moved the living room and bedroom across the road and built

onto them. Built two large living rooms, two bedrooms, dining room, pantry and kitchen downstairs. Two large bedrooms, good sized room for a bathroom, large walk-in wardrobe, a large hall to the east that stairs came up in, and another bedroom to the south of that we used as a play house. A porch on three sides of the living room.

John W. B. Eads, brother, was born above the store April 17, 1909, we went to Jasper Allen Eads to help harvest wheat which was a custom. Kids spent most of time at the Mulberry tree. On way home Porter got sick and threw up over the rest, all in buggy. Still sick the next day so called the doctor. Jud Brown and his father-in-law, Dr. Brink, came on the train. They had John W. Eads, get Eva Holepeter Ridenour to be nurse. Didn't let any visit in Porter's room very often. He had spinal Meningitis. Was sick several days above the store and died July 22, 1909. He was 3-1/2 yrs. old and loved by everyone. The undertaker was Homer Hoover who had a white hearse and 2 white horses.

The family moved to the new house in the fall. Neighbors gave a large house warming. It was the custom to have several get togethers of evenings: generally had oyster soup.

July 4, 1910, the family was at Jasper Eads helping harvest wheat when a neighbor called at noon and said the store had all burned down. Dan Speicher's elevator which was just north of the store had burned too. It was set afire by the noon train. Neighbors got out lof of groceries & dry goods and put them in living room where John W. Eads set up a store. Dan Speicher

bought land and built a small store down on the corner of Speicherville Road & 13, across from the Sp[eicherville school. As the huckster wagon burned up John W. Eads quit the huckster route and went to farming on the Cawell & Schuler farm.

June 11, 1911, Mildred's brother, Stewart was born. He died Nov. 2, 1912, one yr. 5 mo. He had high fever cutting teeth. Dr. said it had burned up his brain. Lot of snow on the road so Homer Hoover came out in the bobsled to take the body to the cemetery. John W. Eads, Everett Herron, Jasper Eads, and John W. B. Eads went. Lizzie (Mildred's mother) was too sick in bed and the girls were in bed with measles.

The summer before Myrtle (Mildred's sister) had a bed sick spell and had to learn to walk over. John Eads built a play pen to put her in and she learned to walk around it. Lizzie would take her down to the store in a large baby cab. The next June Myrtle & Johnie had the whooping cough and Lizzie taken it from them. Mildred helped make hay and was out of the house much of the time and didn't get it. Mildred had it in 1927 when her own girls had it. Lizzie went to bed Aug. 1, 1912 and was never well from that day.

John W. Eads bought the Walter Pratt farm within two miles of Hopewell, northeast of Lagro, and planned to move in March. It started to rain and rained--this was the 1913 flood. John W. Eads sold the store to Loren Rife. Lizzie and children stayed at Jasper Eads till the were moved in April. Neighbors helped. Had to come around Wabash as water washed out the levee at Lagro. Had to walk part of way to meet John W. Eads in Lagro.

Lizzie's daughters helped take care of her. Lizzie's cousin, Rosie Unger, from Marion was down there a lot--made the girls new clothes for school and also made Lizzie's burial clothes. Lizzie died Aug. 1, 1913--bedfast a year with TB.

Next summer John W. Eads rebuilt the barn. He married Londus Miller in August 1914. Mildred went to live at Jasper Eads summer of 1916 and lived there till she married Feb. 6, 1923. Mildred was married at John W. Eads because her sister, Myrtle wanted her too. She too had come down with TB.

Lewis Store and Elma Landis stood up with Mildred and Floyd. The weather was muddy. Rev. Teeter married Mildred and Floyd. After a big dinner Lewis & Elma took them to their new home which was 2 1/2 mi. west of Treaty on the Joe Putnam Farm where they lived until the spring of 1928.

A daughter, Myrtle, was born Feb. 2, 1924 to Floyd & Mildred Dyson. Mildred's sister, Myrtle passed away Feb. 14, 1924. Mildred had quinsy while Martha was born September 27, 1925. Floyd's Dad, Charles Dyson owned some ground south of Treaty & Stanleys wanted it to add to their farm. Stanley had two farms down in the prairie (near Richvalley) so Charles Dyson and Stanley got together and traded then Floyd and Mildred moved in March 1928 to the farm in the prairie (near Richavalley) Mildred had her tonsils taken out May 1928.

Floyd & Mildred celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Feb. 6, 1973. Their children treated them to dinner at the Country Village and then received friends and family at the club house in RichValley. Nearly 300 guests. Children treated them

to plane trip to California where daughter, Martha lives.
In October 5, 1976 Floyd and Mildred spent winter at trailer home near the farm. It was a nice place to be with nursing care and privacy. Went back to farm Mar. 1, 1977 for Ralph, a son, to care for them.

Mildred had sugar diabetes most of her life but refused to follow doctor's orders and therefore resulted in a lot of health problems for her.

Mildred was a great cook and her specialty was salads. She mixed them in dishpans. She always found room in the refrigertor for just one more dish of food. Sugar was kept in a large drawer and she would scoop sugar into her dishes with a large scoop. Salt was in a dish on stove and she salted the food the same way. The Dysons loved big dinners and during the 50's and 60's there was always a crowd for the Sunday dinner after church at Richvalley E. U. B. and now Methodist. If not family it was neighbors or church friends and the ministers.

Mildred busied herself with garden, flowers and cutting weeds in the spring and summer. Mildred provided beautiful baskets of flowers for the church alter every Sunday and filled her freezer and canning jars with the produce from the garden.

Then there was butchering time too--a tradition carried on in most rural communities.

The Dysons cleaned and finely ground wheat for their own wheat cooked cereal and Mildred also saved everything for recycling.

Mildred liked cows and had some milk cows--seperated the milk and what she didn't sell went into her many tasty dishes.

Robert Dyson's grandparents and mother

JOHN WILLIAM & LIZZIE E. (PORTER) EADS
&
MILDRED F.

John William Eads B: Aug. 8, 1882 D: Sept 9, 1953
Lizzie (Porter) Eads B: Sept. 9, 1882 D: Aug. 1, 1913
Mildred Florence Eads B: May 24, 1902 D: April 15, 1985

This picture was taken Dec. 1902

MILDRED (EADS) DYSON
B: May 24, 1902 D: Apr. 15, 1985
Robert Dyson's mother

Mildred (Eads)
1904

1907
Myrtle, Porter & Mildred Eads

John W. B. and Mildred Eads 1914

Stewart Eads

Mildred Eads

1983 - 81 yrs.
Mildred (Eads) Dyson

Mildred (Eads) Dyson was born May 24, 1902 in this house on Dora Pike (4 mi. E. of Wabash, Ind.) House tore down in 1976

In 1906 John W. Eads (Mildred's father) bought this store in Spikerville, Ind. (N.E. of Wabash, Ind.) Lived upstairs besides rented rooms, store and storage rooms and a dance floor.
Burned in 1910 (by a spark from a passing train.)

EADS

COAT OF ARMS

HISTORIOGRAPHY

The Eads Coat of Arms was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Eads Coat of Arms design can be found in Burke's General Armory. Heraldic artist of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Az, a chev. engr. betw. three leapards faces ar."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"a leopard's face ar."

When translated the blazon also describes the original colors of the Eads Arms and Crest as it appeared centuries ago.

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A Motto was not recorded with this Eads Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's origin, and is believed to be associated with the English, meaning, "descendant of Eddi." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations of Eads to be Eddy, Eady, Eadie, Eades, Eddi, Ede, and Eadis. Although bearers of the old and distinguished Eads name comprise a small fraction of the population there are a number who have established for it a significant place in history. They include: JAMES BUCHANAN EADS (1820-1887) Engineer and inventor of the diving bell. In 1842, he became a partner of a steamboat salvaging firm, and in 1861, was called by President Lincoln to Washington D. C. to recommend a means of employing western rivers for Union war operations. He then undertook the construction of a fleet of steam powered armor-plated gunboats, totaling 14, which featured his own patented ordanance inventions. Constructed "Eads Bridge", which runs across the Mississippi River at St. Louis, between 1867 and 1874, and later improved many harbor facilities at Liverpool, England, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Tampico and Veracruz, Mexico. ISAAC EADS (Eddy) (1777-1847) Engraver and printer who worked as the Head Engraver and Printer in Weatersfield, Vermont until 1826, engraving plates for the first "Vermont Bible" (1812). He made a fortune as a manufacturer of printer's ink. OLIVER TARBELL EADS (Eddy) (1799-1868) Artist who, in 1814, began his career in New York City, exhibiting at the National Academy of Design in 1827. He patented a forerunner of the typewriter which is still represented at the Newark Museum and the Maryland Historical Society. ZACHARY EADS (eddy) (1815-1891) Clergyman who was ordained to the ministry at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1835.

Between 1835 and 1838, he was a Missionary in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Western New York, and was Pastor of various churches and congregations in New Your, Massachusetts, and in Michaigan.
HENRY EADS (1755-1843) Private of the Maryland Militia who served with distinction under Colonel Brown during the American Revolution.

PRICELESS GIFTS FROM HISTORY
YOUR NAME AND YOUR COAT OF ARMS

Until about 1100 A.D. most people in Europe had only one name (This is still true in some primitive countries today.) As the population increased it became awkward to live in a village where in perhaps 1/3 of the males were named John, another sizable percentage named William, and so forth.

To distinguish one John from another a second name was needed. There were four primary sources for these second names. They were: a man's occupation, his location, his father's name or some peculiar characteristic of his. Here are some examples.

Occupation: The local house builder, food preparer, grain grinder and suit maker would be named respectively: John Carpenter, John Cook, John Miller, and John Taylor.

Location: The John who lived over the hill became known as John Overhill, the one who dwelled near a stream might be dubbed John Brook or perhaps John Atbrook.

Patronymical (father's name): Many of these surnames can be recognized by the termination-son, such as Williamson, Jackson, etc. Some endings used by other countries to indicate "son" are: Armenian-ian, Danish and Norwegian - sen, Finnish-Nen, Greek-pulos, Spanish-ez and Polish-wiecz. Prefixes denoting "son" are the Welsh-Ap, the Scotch & Irish-Mac and the Norman-Fitz. The Irish O' incidentally denotes grandfather.

Characteristics: An unusually small person might be labeled Small, Short, Little or Lyle. A large man might be named Large, Long, Lang or Longfellow. Many persons having characteristics of a certain animal would be given the animal name. Examples: a sly person might be named Fox. a filthy person - Hogg, a good swimmer - fish, etc.

In addition to needing an extra name for identification, one occupational group found it necessary to go a step further. The fighting man: the fighting man of the middle ages wore a metal suit of armor for protection. Since this suit of armor included a helmet tht completely covered the head, a knight in full battle dress was unrecognizable. To prevent friend from attacking friend during the heat of battle it became necessary for each knight to somehow identify himself. Many knights accomplished this by painting colorful patterns on their battle shields. These patterns were also woven into cloth surcoats which were worn over a suit of armor, Thus was born the term "coat-of-arms".

As this practice grew more popular, it became more and more likely that two knights unknown to each other might be using the same insignia. To prevent this, records were kept that granted the right to a particular pattern to a particular knight.

His family also shared his right to display these arm. In some instances, these records have been preserved and/or compiled into book form. the records list the family name and an exact description of the coat-of-arms granted to that family.

More in-depth study of this subject may be found in the genealogical department of any fair sized public library.

Recommended books: Dictionary of American Family Names.
By Harper & Row

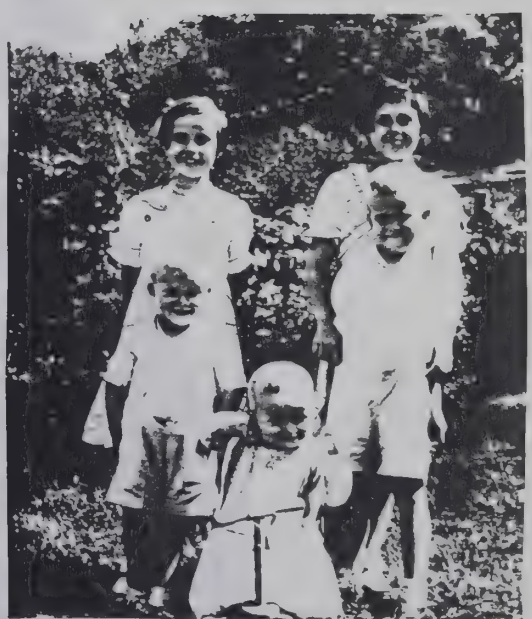
The Surnames of Scotland.

Coat of Arms

Eads

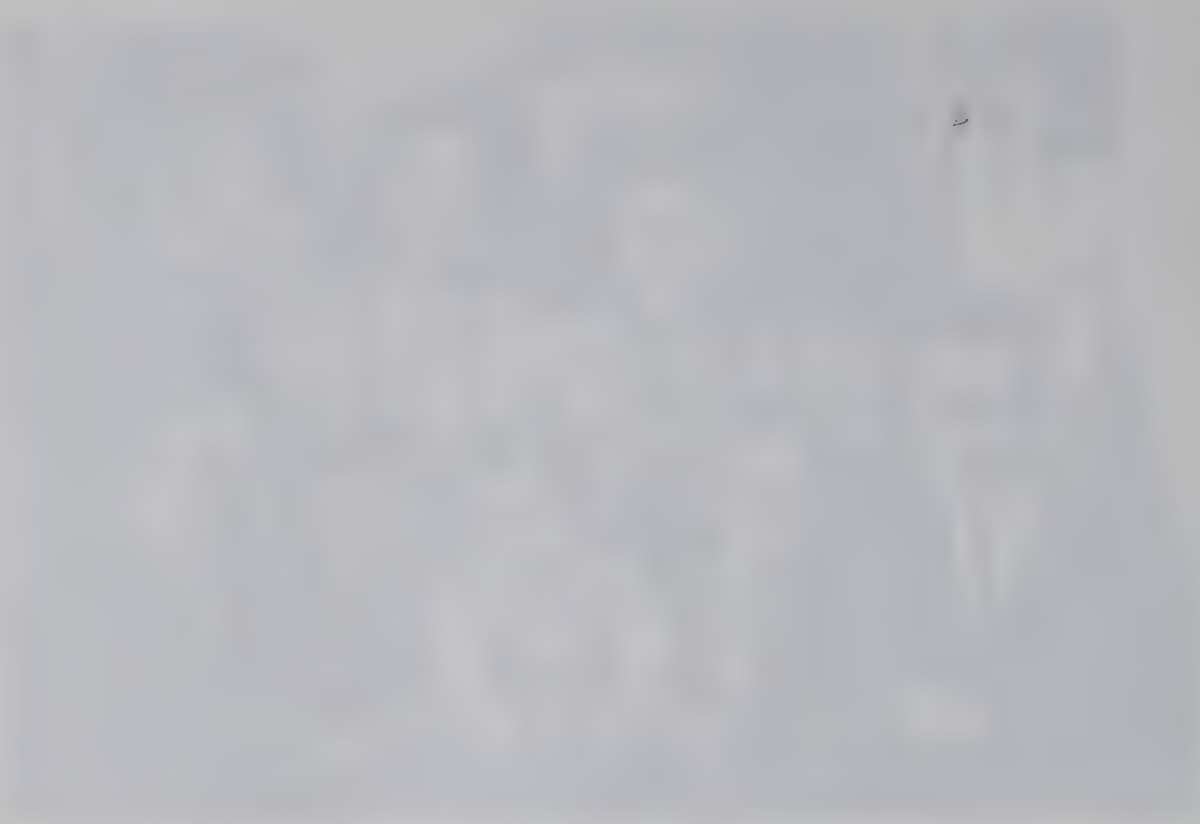
DYSON FAMILY 1937
(row 1) Floyd, Richard, Robert-4 yr. old--Ralph, Mildred
(back row) Myrtle, Martha

1933
Robert Dyson



1934
Robert - baby
Ralph - Richard
Martha - Myrtle

1940
Robert Dyson



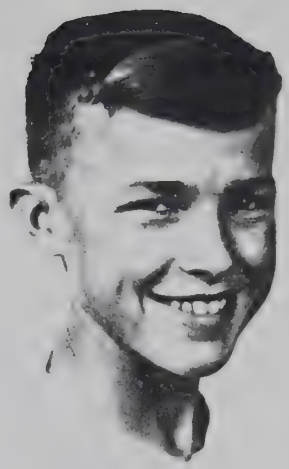
DYSON FAMILY 1943
(back row) Myrtle, Mildred,
Martha, Floyd & Richard
(front) Ralph & Robert

1947
Mildred & Floyd Dyson

Dec. 1965 Floyd & Mildred Dyson

1944
Robert & Beauty

1947
Robert Dyson



1948
Linlawn School
Wabash Co. Ind.
Robert Dyson

Boy Scouts
1949-50
Robert Dyson

Pioneer Corn Co.
Award 1951
Robert Dyson

1952

DIPLOMA

This Certifies That

Robert Lewis Dyson

Has satisfactorily completed a Course of Study prescribed for graduation by the Board of Education for the

Linlawn High School

and is therefore entitled to this

DIPLOMA

Given at Wabash, Indiana, this eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one.

Principal

County Superintendent

Trustee

Feb 6, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dyson

Dysons Wed 50 Years Ago

Friends and relatives are invited to an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Richvalley Clubhouse honoring Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dyson, R.R. 2, who will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyson, the former Mildred Eads, were married Feb. 6, 1923 and have lived most of their married life on a farm south of Richvalley.

They are members of the Richvalley United Methodist Church and the Wabash County Farm Bureau. Mr. Dyson, a retired farmer, has held various offices in the church and the Farm Bureau.

The Dysons are parents of five children, Mrs. Joseph (Myrtle) Paul, Lake Park, Fla., Mrs. Jack (Martha) Gregory, Calimesa, Calif., Richard, R.R. 5, Ralph R.R. 2, and Robert, Columbia City. There are 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The children are hosts for the event.

Myrtle
Martha
Richard
Ralph
Robert
Mildred & Floyd

Dysons Greet Over 200 Guests At Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Dyson, R.R. 2, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their five children in the Richvalley Clubhouse.

Mildred Eads and Floyd Dyson were married Feb. 6, 1923, in the home of the bride's parents.

Their children, Mrs. Joseph (Myrtle) Paul, Lake Park, Fla., Mrs. Jack (Martha) Gregory, Calimesa, Calif., Richard and Ralph Dyson, Wabash County, and Robert Dyson, Columbia City, along with 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren were present.

The children and grandchildren attended the morning service at the Richvalley United Methodist Church with Mr. and Mrs. Dyson and later had a family dinner at the Country Village Restaurant.

Refreshments were served to over 200 guests who attended the open house. Mrs. Robert Dyson and daughter, Lois, baked and decorated the cakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyson will leave Feb. 15 for an extended visit in California with their daughter, Martha.

July 2, 1971

CHILDREN

Myrtle Paul

Martha Gregory

Richard Dyson

Ralph Dyson

Robert Dyson

The "surprise" fiftieth anniversary
of the wedding of
Mildred Florence Eads
to
Floyd Lorrine Dyson
on February 6, 1923
will be celebrated
Sunday, February 4, 1973

Guests received from
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Richvalley Club House
Richvalley, Indiana

Surprise 50th Anniversary
February 6, 1923 - 1973

Eads–Dyson

A pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized yesterday at noon when Miss Mildred Eads, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eads of east of Lagro was united in marriage to Floyd Dyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyson of Treaty. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents and was performed by Rev. V. P. Teeter of Lagro. The bride was attractively attired in a tailored dress of dark blue poiret twill. The bridesmaid, Miss Elma Landis, was dressed becomingly in a gown of brown canton crepe. Lewis Story acted as best man. After the ceremony a delicious three course dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Dyson, Miss Elma Landis, Lewis Story, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Teeter, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Eads, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyson, Lester, Velma, and Ruth Dyson, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Danner, Mrs. Helen Gray, who played the wedding march, Loyd Miller, Paul Dyson, Miss Velma Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Trent, Myrtle Eads, Mr. and Mrs. John Eads and family. At this time a marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Trent was announced, they were married yesterday morning at nine o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lucy Scott of this city. Mrs. Trent was formerly Miss Florence Dyson, a sister of Floyd Dyson.

FLOYD & MILDRED (EADS) DYSON 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
FEB. 6, 1923-1973

Grand-daughter, Lois Ellen Dyson
baked the cake. Lois was 14 yrs. old.

From Frame Diary: Woodland Co. Farmer Bureau Paper

Mildred and Floyd Dyson Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mildred and Floyd Dyson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, Feb. 4. Their children – Myrtle Paul, Martha Gregory, Richard, Ralph, and Robert – all met with Mildred and Floyd at the Richvalley church in the morning. Later, a surprise anniversary party was held at the Richvalley community building. Over 200 friends, relatives, and neighbors stopped in to congratulate the couple.

The Paul family had come in from Lake Park, Fla.; the Gregory family from Calimesa, Calif.; and the Robert Dysons arrived from Columbia City. Mildred and Floyd enjoyed the company of 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchil-

Mildred Dyson gives Floyd a piece of their 50th Wedding Anniversary cake.

Floyd Dyson visits with J. C. White, former Richvalley pastor.

Lorinda and Lois Dyson helped serve cake and punch for their grandparents 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Shown are some of the over 200 relatives, friends, and neighbors who visited Mildred and Floyd Dyson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Richvalley Community Building.

PARENTS OF PATRICIA (WATSON) DYSON

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ELROY & VERA (BENDER) WATSON

** Elroy Watson
B: April 4, 1911 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Dec. 8, 1934 Wells Co. Ind. Liberty Center Baptist Parsonage
to
** Vera Bender
B: Jan. 18, 1911 Wells Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:

** 1. Patricia Watson
B: Nov. 3, 1935 Wells Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Jan. 31, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind. (license in Wells Co.)
to
* Robert Lewis Dyson
B: Aug. 29, 1933 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:

1a. David Lee Dyson
B: Nov. 20, 1955 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Aug. 5, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Tamera Loy Meagher
B: Sept. 12, 1956 Allen Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:

1a1. Christina Ranae Dyson
B: Oct. 10, 1981 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

1a2. Dean Lester Dyson
B: June 29, 1984 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

1b. Lois Ellen Dyson
B: Aug. 23, 1958 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: Sept. 16, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Jimmie Lee Brandenburg
B: Oct. 1, 1953 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Children:

1b1. Carrie Ann Brandenburg
B: June 12, 1980 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

1b2. Heather Rene Brandenburg
B: Aug. 1, 1985 Whitley Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____

1c. Lorinda Sue Dyson
B: Nov. 5, 1962 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: _____ _____
to
_____
B: _____ _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

1d. DeAnn Kay Dyson
B: July 30, 1965 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: _____ _____
to
_____
B: _____ _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

1e. Dawn Lynette Dyson
B: July 13, 1972 Noble Co. Ind.
D: _____ _____
Married: _____ _____
to
_____
B: _____ _____
D: _____ _____
Children:

DO YOU KNOW ???

Vera (Bender) Watson (Patricia's mother)

Vera was born in Liberty Twp., Wells Co, Ind. on her grandfather's farm, George F. Christman. Known as the Christman Estate. She was 2nd child and eldest daughter born to Virgie & Jennie (Christman) Bender Jan. 18, 1911.

When 7 years old she started to school at Smoky Row-1- room school which she walked the 1/2 mi. south of her home. Except when her dad took her in the horse and buggy. Few time when the snow was extra deep her Uncle Cairo (her dad's brother) took her and brother, Verl on the sleigh. She was the only on in 1st grade --no students in the 2nd so was moved to 3rd grade (and then there was 2)

After 7th grade she was transfered to Liberty Center High School where she graduated Apr. 19, 1929 (during the Depression) One of 6 to graduate that yr. A graduation reception was held in place of prom. Her dress was ordered from Sears & Roebuck Catalog; it was during this time the banks closed and her dad sold hogs to pay for the dress. He received 2 or 3 cents a # for them. Everyone was hard pressed, not just the Bender Family.

After graduation she put her bookkeeping skills to work for Costello Bluffton Creamery. Carroll Costello (the son) was her boss. She remembers being scared to carry large sums of money to the bank. The hours were long and being a country girl, she was scared. Her pay was $2 a day and the day ended about 11 at night. This was only 1 day a week--on Sat. This $2 clothed her and her meals on work day and was still able to save 25 cents a week.

Cream checks and egg checks were figured for customers at cream 3 cents # and eggs 5 cents a doz. Times continued to worsen and her pay was cut to $1.50. Her Mom and Dad provided her transportation by horse & buggy.

In Oct. of 1931 she started to date Elroy Watson (farm hand for neighbor, Joke Johnson)

She left her employment when she married Elroy. Her sister, Marjorie assumed her position in the office. Marjorie had been employed by the Prough Family as a housekeeper. (their daughter also worked in office of Costello)

Vera & Elroy's marriage took place at Liberty Center Baptist Church parsonage, Liberty Center, Ind. on Sat. Dec. 8, 1934 by pastor LaMasters. On Sun. Dec. 9th a family dinner was held in honor of the couple at Virgie and Jennie Benders (parents of the bride) After which the couple moved to Connersville, Ind. to a rented, furnished apt. On a hill and long flights of steps leading on outside to this apt. Connersville being built in the hills. Elroy had accepted employment at the Aubrun Auto Factory there. Times still slow and she spent her time shopping for bargains for meals. Hamb. 15-20 cents #, Joel Bacon 10 cents a # and bread 5 cents. She had never been away from home and not only scared but homesick. In Mar. 1935 the factory closed and they moved back to Benders and Elroy was hired as farm hand for George Vickory-Liberty Twp, Wells Co. on 124 west of Bluffton. They moved here in Mar. 1936 after Patricia was born Nov. 3, 1935. Here they were paid $18 a month, free rent, eggs from 75 chickens and milk sold from 1 cow.

They had a garden and truck patch. The winter was very cold and a lot of coal was needed. Then the summer was just as hot as the winter cold.

In the fall of 1937 they moved to Albion-Burr Oak-Noble Co. Ind. to rent on 1/3 (farm of Dale Butz) Milked 8 cows by hand, chickens etc. This proved a failure as Butz's practiced (what is mine is mine and yours is mine also) In fall of 1938 they moved back to Benders until possession was granted on the Jessie and Audry Prough Farm 4 mi east of Ossian, Ind. Jan 1939 - farmed 100 acres on 1/2's. Life here had it's hardships. $890 loan was obtained from F.H.A. to buy horses, farm tools and cows, hogs & chickens. 2nd hand furniture and with determination the loan was paid in full in 4 yrs. Then tractor and additional farm tools replaced the horses. World War 2 broke out and times still were hard. Elroy ranked from 4-F to class 1-A and next to go when the war was ended. While living here - they carried all their drinking water 1/2-3/4 mi. due to contaminated dug well. All was not bleak as no one could of had better neighbors then Bill Roembkes' and Koons Melching among others in the neighborhood and the Ossian Presbterian Church. It was here that Vera raised canarys and sold them at Ind. Feed and Seed in Ft. Wayne to purchase her electric Singer sewing machine and made all of Patricia's clothes as well as doll clothes and crafts. Vera gardened and built a outdoor gold fish pond decorated with flowers and water lilies. When electricity was installed it opened up a whole new world and the electric milkers to milk was like having a hired hand since by this time they were milking 20 some head of cows.

Winters were hard, deep snows that prevented milk and farm product to be taken to market. Snow to fence tops one winter and Elroy and Vera shoveled 2 mi. by hand. Being the only house back a lane in 1 mi.

Patricia stared to school at Ossian 1940-41 and the next 4-1/2 yrs not only introduced Patricia but Elroy to Chicken Pox, Measles and all the childhood diseases. These weaken Patricia and she had her tonsils removed in Dr. Wyborn's office in Ossian. Recovery was slow but after she was stronger she had Scarlet Fever.

About 1946 they moved again to Vera's Uncle Lawrence Bender's farm in Liberty Twp, Wells Co., (2-1/2 mi west of Poneto). This was over 100A and farm on 1/2. While living here they gained new friends and neighbors, Charles Wolf and son, Gene. Patricia attended all the church, bible-schools and childrens' meetings, continued 4-H and went to Liberty Center School (Where Vera had graduated)

With the desire to own their own farm--their dream came true in 1948-49 when they purchased the Ves Lantis Farm of 73 acres -- 1-1/2 mi. S.W. of Poneto in Chester Twp. Wells Co. The farm and buildings were in much needed repair-however was able to make the purchase for $10,000 and $1,000 additional for improvements from another F. H. A. loan at 4-1/2% interest. This was paid off in 1979. Patricia changed schools again and graduated in 1953 at Chester (this school didn't hold many happy memories for Patricia as wasn't as enjoyable as previous schools she attended.

Patricia met and married Jan. 31, 1954 to Robert Dyson of Wabash Co. and she moved to Wabash but she and Robert spent many weekends helping us on the farm. As the grandchildren came along they still continued to spend a lot of time with us. How much we enjoyed their visits and being a part of their growing up. As the yrs. rolled by now we have great-grandchildren to love.

Vera broke her leg in 1975 gathering sweet corn in the truck patch.

This ended her career of head cook at Southern Wells school having only a short time till retirement. Then in 1983 it was discovered she had sugar diabetes and high blood pressure however with strict diet and following Dr. orders and medication she has kept both in control. (no salt and no sugar) Great will power. Now 1990 and she still gardens, sews and loves to fish (since early 1960's she has been allergic to eating fish and seafood)

Enjoys her dogs, cats and chickens for eggs and eating.

Her dreams is "To walk into her house and see it well manicured"

SHARED MEMORIES ABOUT ELROY WATSON
(father of Patricia (Watson) Dyson)

Elroy was 1st born of Willard & Pearl (Firqusson) Watson on Apr. 4, 1911 in Auburn, Jackson Twp. DeKalb Co. Ind. (now St. Rd. 427 near R.R. tracks) Midwife was Ida McClellan.

Elroy remembers his dad picking cherries from trees in front yard for his mother to make pies. At this writing the cedar tree that still stands tall in front of house was planted by his dad.

Another time his dad come home pulling a little red wagon with a big watermellon. Willard worked at Auburn Auto as a grinder and was walking distance. Elroy remembers when his dad bought their 1st car. A Model T from Hi Mason's barn-where it was also stored. Willard and grandpa Aaron built their homes (which still stands today without much change). The homes had gas lights and gas cooking stove. Also small barn, hog houses and pens and had 2 Chester White hogs.

Elroy and his brother Irvin was able to have their own little garden to care for. Willard had a truck patch at Osborns and Elroy remembers seeing a big black snake in the truck patch. The home gardens were spaded by hand.

Little is remembered about the dark blue uniform and music instruments (assuming drums) that was upstairs. Willard did play in some band in Auburn. (at this time it has not been found to be a military uniform)

Tom Proctor, darky, was the family barber and friend. Had a restaurant, hotel and barber shop. Also played in same band as Willard.

Then tragedy struck the family when the mother, Pearl) died 3 weeks after Annabelle's birth July 5, 1918. Pearl had Goiter and choked to death. Annabelle was taken by Florence & Harry Boon (Pearl's cousin) and was adopted into a good home. Nellie, Irvin and Elroy staved with Grandma Watson (Tobitha). Then the flu took Willard's life Oct. 27, 1918. Complications with emery grinding dust damaged his lungs and developed into lung pneumonia.

Nellie, Elroy's sister, was 5 when she was adopted by Joke & Pearl Johnson. Pearl gave Nellie her middle name of Pauline. They lived in Auburn and later bought farm at Rockcreek Twp. Wells Co. 4 mi west of Bluffton, Ind. Brother Irvin was adopted by Claude and Joy Hilkert who also lived near Auburn Junction. Harrison Millers took Elroy to live with them but some how the courts allowed Goldie & Bill Zerns to adopt Elroy. Millers had wanted Elroy to be able to keep the Watson name as they were friends of Willard and Pearl and thought so much of them. It was said that Goldie was a 2nd cousin to Elroy but this has not been

proved. Goldie's parents were Frank & Maggie Born and Maggie was a very good woman and Bill Zerns was good to Elroy too. Goldie had days she was good to Elroy but more often abusive. These abusive acts would not be permitted today and would be considered severe acts of child abuse. When Elroy was allowed to attend school he went to Moores School and East Richland School where he made friends with Willis and Paul Souder. Later, Willis became his brother-in-law. Elroy only got to attend school through 7th grade. Elroy did learn to roller skate and ride a bicycle with a broken arm and as a young man continued to chum with his school friends from Auburn and Garrett.

While still a teenager he took a job droving a team of horses to build St. Rd. 1 near Butler, Ind. for $2.50 a day. His boss was John Moody who was deaf due to an accident, he also had been a school teacher. During his teen yrs he continued to work as hired hand and when he was 18 he took a job at Auburn Cord and worked there for 6 mo. (during this time he lived with Frank and Maggie Born.) They were bootleggers and quoted stories seem too bazaar to write.

Elroy then took a job as hired hand for Harry Garman and it was while here that Joke Johnson offered him a job as hired hand and an opportunity to see his sister Nellie. This was Dec. 27, 1930. Life at the Johnsons wasn't pleasant as work was hard and demanding and Johnsons expected much from their hired hands. Example-Elroy was pitching bean hay on wagon 14 days after appendix surgery.

A silver lining appeared as this is how he met Vera Bender and marriage. His love for farming continued as their way of life and as the yrs rolled by he was choosen to be President of Farm Bureau and board member of Wells Co., Co-op and Vera also was a leader in this fine organization.

After buying the farm in Chester Twp. he supplemented their income as sub. mail carrier on Poneto Rt for 22 yrs. witout receiving any retirement benefits.

In 1965 they built a 1-1/3 A. lake and stocked it with Bluegill, Bass and Catfish and later built a cottage (2 car garage with enclosed porch) Still continue to maintain the landscape and (family only) fishing privileges.

Daughter and Grandchildren treated us to a small 50th Anniversary celebration Dec. 8, 1984 with family dinner and afternoon of family, neighbors and friends visiting. During summer Patricia drove us to Council Bluffs, Iowa to visit Vera's 2nd cousin, Jim Marshall and to tour the area.

Besides farming and having cows, sheep, hogs, chickens they have had and raised exotic ducks, peacocks, birds and swan. The preditors - mink, fox etc. has been a continued harassment.

Both still enjoy farming and continue even with Elroy's weak knees and legs. Hearing Aids to improve the hearing but grateful no major health problems.

Despite the loss of both parents at the age of 6 and the child abuse that followed along with more then his share of hard knocks he continued to pull himself up by the boot straps and educate himself and enjoy his family, neighbors and the "Joy Of Life" with memories to pass on to grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Written April 1990

FARM OF ELROY & VERA (BENDER) WATSON

This picture was taken about 1984. Located on Meridian Road, 1 mile south of Poneto, Indiana in Chester Township, Wells Co. Elroy & Vera purchased the farm from Ves Landis and moved here Nov. 1949. The porches on house were enclosed and built on, the barn was built on right end. The other buildings were built (tool shed, hog shed, cribs, (garage, chicken house are hid by trees. The lake was built in 1965 and the cottage built about 1969. The lake is about 1-1/3 acres (water) A new 20 ft. pier was built and installed by Patricia & Robert and grandchildren in 1988. This farm and lake holds many fond memories for the Watson Family.

ELROY WATSON

VERA BENDER
Graduate of Liberty Center High School
Wells Co. Ind.

ELROY & VERA (BENDER) WATSON

Married: Dec. 8, 1934
Liberty Center Baptist Parsonage
-Rev. LeMasters-Wells Co. Ind.

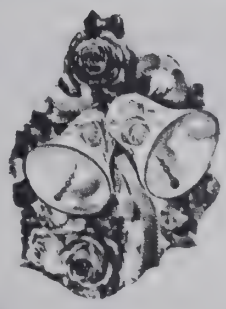
NEWLYWEDS HONORED AT DINNER SUNDAY

Mr. & Mrs. V. O. Bender entertained the following friends and relatives at Sunday dinner in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Elroy Watson: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Boone, Mrs. Claude Hilkert, Mr. Geo. Christman, Mrs. Jonathan Bender, Thelma Ladig, Annabelle Boone, Marjorie Bender Hazel Christman, Maryalis Bender, Chloe Christman, Irvin Hilkert, Paul Souder, Willis Souder, Robert Barnett, Verl Bender, Mr. & Mrs V. O. Bender, and the honored guests, Mr. & Mrs. Elroy Watson.

ELROY & VERA (BENDER) WATSON

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

December 8, 1959



25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

FOR: Vera & Elroy Watson

TIME: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

December 8, 1959

WHERE: At the home of

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dyson

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ELROY WATSONS ARE HONORED AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Watson of Poneto Route 1 were honored at a party Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dyson and family of Leo in observance of the Watson's 25th wedding anniversary.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostess, Miss Hazel Christman of Bluffton.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Watson, V. O. Bender and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stout, all of Blufftotn; Verl Bender of Columbia City; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hilkert of Poneto, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gerber and sons, all of Grabill Route 1.

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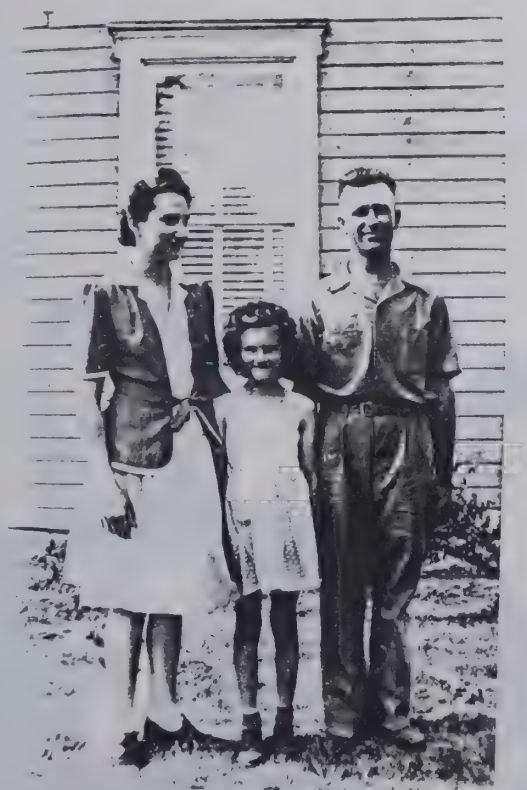
Patricia Watson
Born Nov. 3, 1935
age 9 mo. 1936

Patricia Watson 2-1/2 yrs.
1938

July 1945 (parents)
Vera, Patricia, Elroy Watson



Patricia Watson
9 or 10 yrs. old
1944 or 1945

DRIVE SAFELY - SAVE A LIFE

STATE OF INDIANA
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
TEMPORARY DRIVING PERMIT

Receipt No 216732

Full Name Patricia Watson

Street Address R#1

Birth Date 11-3-35

City or Post Office Poneto

RESTRICTIONS

Has made application for an Indiana license of the type indicated hereon. This temporary permit authorizes the applicant to operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways for a period not to exceed sixty days and subject to suspension or revocation as provided by law. Regular license will be mailed within 60 days if application is approved.

BEGINNER'S PERMIT
(Valid only when accompanied by a licensed driver except for a motorcycle.)

11-8-51
Date Issued

Form 100AB

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Patricia Watson
1951--10th grade
Chester Center School
Wells Co. Indiana

about 1951
Elroy, Patricia & Vera Watson

Chester Center

High School

This Certifies that

Patricia Watson

having completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Education,
is hereby declared a Graduate of Chester Center High School,
and is entitled to this

Diploma

Given at Keystone, Indiana, this twenty-seventh day of April, 1953.

Irma Rogers
TRUSTEE

H. Butler
PRINCIPAL

Floyd C. Fleming
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPLY CO PAINESVILLE, OHIO No. 56

ELROY & VERA (BENDER) WATSON

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 1984

WATSONS WED 50 YEARS — Invited guests honored Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Watson at their rural Poneto home Sunday afternoon Dec. 9 commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary. Vera Bender and Elroy Watson were married Dec. 8, 1934 at Liberty Center Baptist Church Parsonage by Rev. LeMasters.

The Watsons spent most of their married life farming in Wells County. Mr. Watson was a past president of Wells County Farm Bureau Co-op and substitute Poneto rural mail carrier 20 years. Mrs. Watson was a cook at Southern Wells School.

They are the parents of one daughter, Patricia Dyson of Columbia City, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The 50th anniversary cakes were decorated and served by granddaughter Lois Brandenburg and floral arrangements were by granddaughter, DeAnn Dyson.

A family supper was held at Fort Wayne Heritage House Smorgasbord.

The Watsons vacationed earlier in the year at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Ohama, Neb., visiting relatives.

Patricia, Vera & Elroy

Jan. 9 - 1968

And Once There Was America In Our Own Wabash County...

Being a patriotic sort, I'm more than willing to do my part to help President Johnson stem the flow of American tourist dollars abroad.

In fact, I've already definitely decided to postpone my round - the - world cruise. Instead of 1975, I may not go until 1980 . . or '95 . .

After all, what do those foreign places with strange sounding names have that Indiana doesn't? If you don't believe me, just come along for a trip around an Indiana map.

FOR A SOUTH of the border flavor, Mexico, Chili and Peru are but a few miles away . . in Miami County, to be exact.

Or you can visit Palestine, China, Morocco, Norway, Tangier, Denmark, Scotland, Ireland, Algiers, Syria, Holland, Honduras, Samaria, even Bethlehem.

And you don't have to go behind the Iron Curtain to get to Poland and or Siberia. They're right here in Indiana.

Perhaps you want to see America first. Vermont, Florida, Nevada, Nebraska and Georgia are all within three hours driving time of Wabash.

MAYBE THE big cities of the world appeal to you. Well, you can stay in Indiana and still visit Geneva, Moscow, Manila, Lisbon, Sidney, Hamburg, Cairo, Shanghai, London, Vienna, Rome and even Paris.

Or you can wander through Albany, Atlanta, Augusta, Boston, Saratoga, Wheeling, Topeka, Denver, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Old St. Louis, Houston, Natchez, Memphis, Manhattan, Reno, Toledo and Miami.

If you want to go way out, you might find Starlight, Saturn or Moonville a real "trip."

All right here in Indiana.

Maybe you'd like to make a religious pilgrimage to Mt. Sinai or Providence, or Buddha and Mecca. You could pay respects to the saints — Peter, Paul, Mark, John, Mary, James, Omer, Maurice, Leon, Bernice, Thomas, Joseph, Meinrad, Wendel, Phillips, Anthony, Henry, Croix. A Hoosier community bears each of those names.

IF GOURMET dining is fun to you, how're these items for the menu:

Hamburg, Bacon, Lamb, Pimento, Pumpkin (Center), Fruitdale, Sassafras, Cherry Grove, Peppertown, Limedale, Carmel, Beanblossom and Popcorn.

Eddy, Scott, Homer, Emma, Elmira, Otis, Leroy, Enos, Julian, Juliette, Eugene, Max, Lena, Wilbur Frances, Anita, Guy, Terry, Dexter Stanley, Laura, Sharon or just plain Bud?

IF YOU LIKE a bit of action on your vacation, you can Roll, Zipp Speed and Long Run from Little Point, Five Points, Six Points, Nine Mile or Twelve Mile in Indiana.

History buffs can see Napoleon and Waterloo, only a few counties away from Advance and Retreat, or relive the adventures of Robin Hood at Nottingham and the battle of the Almo. You can even visit West Point and Annapolis.

Perhaps best of all, Hoosierland

My Indiana

By George Collier

Of course, there's Aroma and a Gnaw Bone for the family dog, leftovers go to Crumstown and when you're through eating, there's always the Tab.

If you're so inclined, you can find Bourbon and Rye for after - dinner tippling.

Maybe you'd like to visit a town you could call your own. How about

offers Leisure, Prosperity, Hope, Harmony, Progress, Friendship, Solitude, Fredom, Liberty and Mt. Comfort.

Or if you are Handy as a Yeoman and show Enterprise, the Economy may reward you with a Windfall and you'll find the good life in Easytown or Joy City.

Who could ask for anything more?

THANKSGIVING DAY

Over the river and through the wood,
To Grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood--
Oh,how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes
And bites the nose
As over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood,
To have a first- rate play.
Hear the bells ring,
"Ting-a-ling-ding!"
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood,
Trot fast,my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground
Lik e a hunting hound,
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river and through the wood,
And straight through thr barnyard gate
We seem to go
Extremely slow--
Tt is so hard to wait!

Over the river and through the wood,
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

Extract From A Calendar

If you have the "blues",read the 27 th Psalm.
If your,pocketbook is empty,read the 7 th Psalm.
If people seem unkind,read the 16 th chapter of John.
If you are discouraged about your work, read the 126 th Psalm.
If you are all out of sorts,read the 12 th chapter of Hebrews.
If you are losing confience in men,read the 113 th chapter of First Corinthians.
If you can't have your own way in everything, keep silent and read the 3 rd chapter of James.

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CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF CHARLES F. & DAISY B. (DAVIS) DYSON
Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* Charles Francis Dyson
B: Sept. 16, 1874 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 29, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Mar. 24, 1900
to
* Daisy Belle Davis
B: Mar. 5, 1879 Madison Co. Ind.
D: June 12, 1972 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

* 1. Floyd Lorrine Dyson
B: Mar. 18, 1901 Madison Co. Ind.
D: April 18, 1979 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Feb. 6, 1923
to
* Mildred Florence Eads
B: May 24, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: April 15, 1985 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

1a. Myrtle Elizabeth Dyson
B: Feb. 2, 1924 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

1b. Martha Ellen Dyson
B: Sept. 27, 1925 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

1c. Richard Allen Dyson
B: Feb. 18, 1929 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

1d. Ralph Porter Dyson
B: May 24, 1931 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

* 1e. Robert Lewis Dyson
B: Aug. 29, 1933 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

2. Florence Ellen Dyson
B: July 27, 1902
D:
Married: Feb. 6, 1923
to
Oscar S. Trent
B: Jan. 31, 1902
D: July 9, 1978 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:
Adopted child--
Marieta Trent
B: Oct. 4, 1927
D:

3. Russell Dyson
B: 1904 Madison Co. Ind.
D: 1904 Madison Co. Ind.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF CHARLES F. & DAISY B. (DAVIS) DYSON (CON'T)
Grandparents of Robert Dyson

4. Lester Richard Dyson
B: Feb. 15, 1905 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 16, 1981 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Mar. 24, 1925
to
Elva Bartaway
B: June 19, 1905
D:
Children:
4a. Norma Jean Dyson
B: May 16, 1926
D:
4b. Frances Joan Dyson
B: Aug. 8, 1928
D:
4c. Ada Carolyn Dyson
B: Jan. 13, 1931
D:

Lester & Elva Divorced in 1947

Lester's 2nd marriage: Dec. 25, 1948

Goldie Bernice Cook
B: Feb. 16, 1910
D: Oct. 24, 1982 Huntington Co. Ind.

5. Velma Martha Dyson
B: Nov. 8, 1906 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Mar. 29, 1925
to
Roscoe Flora
B: Sept. 14, 1903
D: Apr. 24, 1989 Gainsville, Fla.
Children:
5a. Bruce Flora
B: May 18, 1926
D:
5b. Charles Jerry Flora
B: Nov. 16, 1928
D:
5c. Ann Flora
B: June 6, 1934
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF CHARLES F. & DAISY B. (DAVIS) DYSON (CON'T)
Grandparents of Robert Dyson

6. Ruth Alice Dyson
B: Aug. 2, 1913 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
Married: May 1, 1930
to
Russell Thompson
B: July 8, 1911
D:
Children:

6a. Karl Charles Thompson
B: Nov. 9, 1931
D:

6b. Leonard Leroy Thompson
B: Sept. 24, 1934
D:

6c. Edward Everett Thompson
B: Dec. 29, 1940
D:

6d. Thomas Russell Thompson
B: July 7, 1951
D:

April 27, 1918
CHARLES & DAISY DYSON FAMILY
Charles, Ruth & Daisy
Velma, Floyd, Florence & Lester

Charles Dysons to Observe Golden Anniversary

Mar. 20-1950

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyson

Mar. 20, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyson, Treaty, will observe their golden wedding anniversary on March 24 and will celebrate the occasion with open house from 2 to 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 26, in their home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dyson were born near Fairmount and were married there. About five years later they moved to a farm west of Treaty and lived there until Mr. Dyson retired from farming a few years ago. They now live in a new home in Treaty which Mr. Dyson built. His parents moved to the Fairmount community from North Carolina in a covered wagon.

They are the parents of five children, Floyd, Richvalley, Mrs. Oscar Trent, LaFontaine R. R. 2; Lester, Warren R. R. 1; Mrs. Roscoe Flora, Lagro R. R. 1, and Mrs. Russell Thompson, Lagro. They have 15 grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dyson enjoy fairly good health and both are active members of the Treaty Christian church where Mr. Dyson teaches a Sunday school class.

(Dyson Girls)
Velma Flora, Ruth Thompson,
Florence Trent

Charles & Daisy Dyson
(at Charles' mother's
home in Mocksville, N. C.

DYSON FAMILY
*Charles & Daisy (Davis)
(back row)
Velma
*Floyd
Ruth
Lester
Florence

Charles Dyson
80 yrs. old

Charles & Daisy Dyson 1950
50th Wedding Anniversary

Daisy Dyson in
chair--standing.
Floyd, Velma, Ruth,
Florence, Lester

Daisy Dyson
1961

Tune--TO THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

As I sat in the stillness of the twilight
With the cares of the day laid away
Then my thoughts oft return to my childhood
To the ones that I loved in that day.

Chorus--
Oh Come, Come, Come, Come to the Dyson reunion
Keep your grouch and your troubles away
May our hearts meet in grateful communion.
Let us add to the joy of the day.

We will meet where soft breezes are blowing
And a welcome sincere give to all
Ties of friendship and love ever flowing
All the best of the past to recall.

Chorus--
So come with best wishes for the living
And a memory sweet for the dead
May we also some service be giving
Unto Him who has died in our stead.

Written by Charles Dyson

Comes a dear and precious thought of a friendship
God has wrought
In the happy days that now are passed away
And the vision of your face calls back acts of love
And grace, that are stamped on memory's page
bright and fair.

Chorus-
Blessed thot Happy thot of a friendship which for
Us his blood has brought. How the ties of
Love have bound and the cords have severed not
Of this friendship that the years cannot erase.
Though your face may altered be by the cares of
life that press.
Though your locks may show some strands of silver
gray
Yet I know your heart is true and your vows un-
broken are
And your hopes and aims are still the same we
pray.

Chorus-
Welcome one, welcome all, to the church where
First perhaps you heard His call. We are glad
To meet you here and our welcome is sincere
For your presence brings a blessing to us all.

Here we meet for but an hour and so soon
Goodby we say, never more perhaps again
to meet the same. But if faithful to His word we will
Hope to meet again in that lovely land of God's
eternal day.

Chorus-
Meet me there, greet me there, in that land
Where sky is line with radiant hue, There the Christ
In power shall reign and will see no death, no pain
In that starry land of bliss beyond the blue.

The old farm house deserted
Standing back from the broad highway
Just seems to sit and listen
For the folks who've gone away.
Between its walls I stood again
Where the firelight used to glow
And I thought of the pain and the pleasure too
That it gave to the ones we know.
How lonely there it seemed to be
As the shadows began to fall
And in the quiet autumn eve
Again I could see us all.
So far from the cities' masses
So still was nature here
That I could almost see a face
That to all of us was dear.
To be sure 'twas just a fancy
But I startled just the same
For me thought I heard so plain again
Some one that called my name.
I looked about me quickly
But I saw just an empty floor
For the one who seemed to be calling
Could come back there no more
I wonder if some day again
To the lonely farm house yet
We all may come to visit it
Or will we all forget.
But whether we do or whether we don't
Far back from the old highway
It just seems to sit and listen
For the folks who've gone away.

THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY

When we'er going someplace we want to go,
To grandpas' or brothers' or to see uncle Joe
Where we'll see friendly faces and hear good news
From all our relation and the friends they choose
We're glad when we hear the driver say
Yes, folks, we're on the last mile of the way.
If we're going to school where we learn more or less
What will help us in life to make a success
And we've tried very hard such knowledge to gain
As will teach us the best in life to attain,
We are filled with joy as we say with a smile
This year we'll be going the last long mile.
If we quarrel and fuss and want our own way
And give no heed what our parents may say
And we get what we want by hook or crook
Soon out of some calaboose window we'll look
Then the judge passing sentence with sorrowful face
Adds, Mr., you're on the last mile of the race.
Some folks think it's smart when we're in our prime
To drink and carouse and have a great time
But the most sorrowful picture of which I can think
Is the ragged old man that stumbles from drink
And the friend who from pity for his meals does pay
Sadly whispers he's on the last mile of the way.
The quite old man who sits in his chair
Whose work is well done and he has no great care
With his busy wife who potters about
Thinking this must be done without a doubt
Present a great picture of home without worry
As together they go the last mile of the journey
We honor the one with locks of gray
Who has helped someone else along life's way
And strives each day by word and deed
To bring to people the things they need
They're filling their crown with stars, the while
Their feet slowly travel the last long mile.
Time waits for no one and the world rushes on
And death stalks the trail of the hurrying throng
So why not use reason and some good common
sense
And see if we're on the right side of the fence
For as faltering steps lead toward the twilight of day
We know we'll be on the last mile of the way.
When our thoughts of things earthly are less then
of yore
And our vision more clear of Eternity's shore
May our spirit attain new heights of pure bliss
And our minds be concerned for the good we might
miss
May rich pleasure and blessing be ours for the day
As we softly tread the last mile of the way.

Charles F. Dyson

We live today in a war torn world
That's filled with hate and strife
Where all our efforts are put forth
That man may take mans life
We build the ships and make the guns
To wound and maim and kill
And send our planes with deadly bombs
O'er city, vale, and hill
We strive and toil both day and night
To meet the war's demand
And go without the things we need
To service our fair land
We send our boys across the seas
To battle far and wide
That they may kill our haughty foes
And wreck their homes beside
The heart will ache and tears will flow
When these messages come through
Some mother's boy is missing there
In action brave and true
Yes, he has carried the battle unto the death
Through hunger, mud and slime
He has given his best of heart and soul
To win your war and mine
And without the care of a loving home
Or the touch of a mother's hand
He has come to rest in a lonely grave
In the soil of a foreign land
Let the striker have his selfish reward
And the gold seeker have his just due
But let's give to these boys a crown of stars
And make all their best wishes come true
For we'll never know just how much this has cost
Of money, flesh and bone
Till, crippled in body and broken in mind
Our boys begin coming back home
We wonder then what will be the gain
From this sacrifice so great
Can we hope to have a lasting peace
And a world that is free from hate
When the Savior was born the angels sang
Peace and good will to all
But that longed for peace will never come
Till all nations have answered His call
They talk of leagues and courts and laws
To prevent us from trusting in might
But this world will never cease to war
Till it turns to God and right.

Charles F. Dyson
August 1944
(World War 11)

UNAWARE

They said the Master is coming
To honor the town today,
And none can tell at what house or home
The Master will chose to stay.
Then I thought while my heart beat wildly,
What if He should come to mine?
How I would strive to entertain
And honor the Guest divine!
And straight I turned to tolling
To make my home more neat
I swept and polished and garnished
And decked with blossoms sweet
I was troubled for fear the Master
Might come ere my task was done.
And I hastened and worked the faster
As I watched the hurrying sun.
But right in the midst of my duties
A woman came to my door
She had come to tell me her sorrows
And my comfort and aid to implore.
And I said "I cannot listen,
Nor help you any today
I have greater things to attend to"
And the pleader turned away.
But soon there came another
A cripple, thin, pale and gray.
And said, "O let me stop and rest
Awhile in your home I pray,
For I have traveled far since morning
I am hungry, faint and weak,
My heart is full of misery
And comfort and help I seek."
And I said, "I am grieved and sorry
But I cannot keep you today.
I look for a great and noble Guest."
And the cripple turned away.
And the day wore onward swiftly
And my task was nearly done
And a prayer was ever in my heart
That the Master to me might come.
And I thought I would spring to meet Him
And greet Him with utmost care
When a little child stood by me
With a face so sweet and fair
Sweet but marks of tear drops
And his clothes were tattered and old
A finger was bruised and bleeding
And his little bare feet were cold.
And I said, "I am sorry for you
You are surely in need of care,
But I cannot stop to give it
You must hasten other where."
And at the words a shadow
Swept over his blue veined brow

"Someone will feed, clothe you dear
But I am busy now."
At last the day was ended
And my tail toil was over and done
My house was swept and garnished.
And watched in the dusk alone
No one paused at my gate.
No one entered my cottage door
I could only pray and wait.
I waited till night had deepened
And the Master had not come.
He had entered some other door I cried
And gladdened some other home.
My labor has been for nothing,
And I bowed my head and wept.
My heart was sore with longing
Yet spite of it all I slept.
Then the Master stood before me,
And his face was greived and fair
Three times today I came to your door
And craved your pity and care.
Three time you sent me onward
Unhelped and uncomforted.
And the blessing you might have had was lost
And your chance to serve has fled.
O Lord, dead Lord, forgive
How could I know it was Thee
My very soul was shamed and bowed
In the depths of humility.
And He said, "The sin is pardoned,
But the blessing is lost to thee;
For failing to comfort the least of mine
Ye have failed to comfort me.

I lost an hour from work one day
And wandered through the fields and woods.
I watched the frisky lambs at play
And smiled at all their changing moods.
I saw the robin and the wren
Building their nest in tree and brush.
And all the wild flowers in the glen
Bursting in bloom so pink and fresh.
A great bird flying with perfect swing
Was quietly circling here and there,
Without a movement of the wing
Without a ripple in the air.
The sunshine bright the azure sky
The wondrous thrills that never cease,
Give ample proof of God's reply
To man's great prayer for perfect peace.
A blooming little dogwood tree
Says time to plant, no fear of frost,
So back to work from fetters free
The hour is gone, but was it lost?

There's a rustling in the farmyard and a shout along
the way
A song of the birds and hum of the bees and a bleat
of the lambs at play.
A shaft of sunlight through the cloud as it pierces
the morning gray
And dormant nature comes to life 'tis the dawn of
another day.
Yes, another day is dawning after a night of rest
When we all begin our work or play with added
power and zest.
Some perhaps for self alone will all their time invest
While some to make man happy will do their very best.
For some 'twill be another day, to kill, maim and
destroy
To take from us the best we have the life of men
and boys
To steal from life its choicest pearls and take away
its joys.
And make men hate each other more and lose their
sense and praise.
We watch and wait and hope and pray that another
day may dawn
When retribution swift and sure to these will come
so strong.
That war will cease and reason come to all this
horrid throng
And many hearts in sorrow bowed will fill with
praise and song.
It matters not how dark the clouds there'll come
another day
When the sun will put the clouds to flight with its
bright and dazzling ray
When man can lay aside his cares and put his fears
away
For God is in His Heaven bright and watches o'er
our way.
When earth's short days are numbered and our last
sunrise we see
We trust there'll dawn a wondrout day prepared
for you and me
Where clouds will never dim our sky or sorrow
never be
For Got will be our perfect light throughout
eternity.
Then let's don't fret and worry whatever the dawn
may bring
For out of clouds come refreshing rain from which
great blessing spring.
And out of trials comes the faith that will cause the
truth to ring
That will waft us home to that land so fair where
the bright robed angels sing.

Written for Dyson reunion on Aug. 9, 1942

OUR BOY

We had a boy in our little home
A quiet studious lad.
He wasn't perfect in every way
But was precious to Mom and Dad.
We watched him grow from year to year
We walked all the way hand in hand.
We shared life's sorrows and its jobs
Till he was most a man.
The came that sad Pearl Harbor morn
And the nation stood aghast
As the sneaking cowardly two-faced Jap
Showed his dirty hand at last.
Our country roused from its peaceful sleep
And girded itself for the strife
It called all its strength and every resource
To fight for its very life.
And now our boy is gone from the home
To enlist in this cause pure and just.
And things are not just what they were
For we miss him Oh so much.
But we trust that God in His wise design
Will preserve our homes and our heart
And in this we will feel with humble pride
That our boy has had a great part.

Oh what do the years hold in store for me
Cries the youth on the threshold of life
Will they bring to me praise and honor and peace
Or be filled with dishonor and strife.
Will they give me a share of pleasure and joy
And a measure of friendship so rare
Or will they be burdened with pain and regret
And darkened by trouble and care.
Will I climb in the scale of public esteem
To a trustworthy responsible place
Or will I descend on the ladder of life
To the depths of sin and disgrace.
Came the answer in words of deepest thoughts
From that mother the pride of the soul.
Both ways are wide open to you my child
But you must determine your goal.
I have prayed that your voyage of life might be safe
I have wept o'er your crib though the night;
But now your own hand is guiding the wheel
And 'tis you who'll go wrong or go right.
On your voyage please take this one precious
thought
Though your ship may sail far or sail near
If you keep God's hand on the helm with yours
Your sailing will always be clear.

Charles F. Dyson 1951

DYSON

Floyd Dyson
B: Mar. 18, 1901 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Apr. 18, 1979 Wabash Co. Ind.
Father of Robert Dyson

1940
Lt. to Rt.
Floyd Dyson Family

Ralph, Robert,
Myrtle, Martha,
Richard
Mildred & Floyd
(Chow Dog, Fluffy)
(He ate red peppers
to make his hair red
(He liked them too.)

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN WILLIAM & LIZZIE EMMA (PORTER) EADS
Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* John William Eads
B: Aug. 8, 1882 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Sept 9, 1953 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Oct. 12, 1901
to
* Lizzie Emma Porter
B: Sept. 9, 1882 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Aug. 1, 1913 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

* 1. Mildred Florence Eads
B: May 24, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Apr. 15, 1985 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Feb. 6, 1923 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
* Floyd Dyson
B: Mar. 18, 1901 Madison Co. Ind.
D: April 18, 1979 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:
1a. Myrtle Elizabeth Dyson
B: Feb. 1, 1924 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
1b. Martha Ellen Dyson
B: Sept. 27, 1925 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
1c. Richard Allen Dyson
B: Feb. 18, 1929 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
1d. Ralph Porter Dyson
B: May 24, 1931 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
* 1e. Robert Lewis Dyson
B: Aug. 29, 1933 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

2. Myrtle May Eads
B: April 20, 1904 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Feb. 14, 1924 Wabash Co. Ind.

3. Porter Allen Eads
B: Jan. 17, 1906 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: July 22, 1909 Wabash Co. Ind.

4. John William Burkett Eads
B: April 17, 1909 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 12, 1989 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married:
to
Bonita Floy Altman
B: May 29, 1909
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN WILLIAM & LIZZIE EMMA (PORTER) EADS
Grandparents of Robert Dyson (Con't)

Children of John W. B. and Bonita Eads

4a. FloyAnn Elizabeth Eads
B: Dec. 12, 1931
D:

4b. Porter Leroy Eads
B: Nov. 13, 1933
D:

4c. John Allen Eads
B: April 17, 1936
D:

4d. Larry Altman Eads
B: July 23, 1937
D:

4e. Wilma Ruth Eads
B: Jan 1, 1939
D: Jan. 2, 1939 Wabash Co. Ind.

John W. B. and Bonita divorced in 1952

John W. B. Eads 2nd marriage: May 24, 1953
to
Ethel Larew
B: Oct. 22, 1906
D: 1986 Wabash Co. Ind.

5. Clarence Stewart Eads
B: June 26, 1911 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 25, 1912 Wabash Co. Ind.

* John William Eads
2nd marriage: Aug 8, 1914 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
Londus Miller
B: April 20, 1893
D: Aug. 6, 1929 Wabash Co. Ind.
Her parents were George Miller and Sarah Gochenour
Children:

1. Sarrah Elizabeth Eads
B: July 1, 1915 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 1976 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Feb. 29, 1936
to
Paul Schmalzried
B: Feb. 2, 1911
D: Oct. 1, 1977
Children:

1a. Betty Elizabeth Schmalzried
B: July 26, 1937
D:

1b Eugene Edward Schmalzried
B: July 5, 1942 (blind)
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN WILLIAM & LONDUS (MILLER) EADS
Grandfather of Robert Dyson (CON'T)

2. James Cecil Eads
B: Nov. 27, 1916 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Nov. 27, 1938
to
Fern Lynch
B: July 3, 1915
D: Mar. 3, 1940 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:
2a. Peggy Sue Eads
B: Feb. 26, 1940
D:

James Eads 2nd marriage: Mar. 30, 1941

Mildred Montel Teeter
B: Aug. 19, 1915
D:
Children:
2b. Tommy Lee Eads
B: Aug. 5, 1942
D:
2c. Ronald Gene Eads
B: Nov. 12, 1944
D:
Mildred had 1 son-
Harold Teeter
B: Feb. 26, 1940
D:

3. Miller Robert Eads
B: June 3, 1920
D: Oct. 1959
Married: Mar. 14, 1940
to
Mary Tyner
B: Jan. 7, 1921
D:
Children:
3a. Robert John Eads
B: Apr. 4, 1941
D:
Miller & Mary divorced: Dec. 5, 1942

Miller's 2nd marriage: Feb. 4, 1946
to
Jean Ann Williams
B: Jan 11, 1923
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN WILLIAM & LONDUS (MILLER) EADS (CON'T)
Grandfather of Robert Dyson

4. Jack Eugene Eads
B: Dec. 3, 1925 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Nov. 25, 1944
to
Miriam Montel
B: Jan. 10, 1927
D:
Children:
4a. Todd Lyle Eads
B: May 17, 1945
D:
4b. Cynthia Jo Eads
B: Mar. 24, 1947
D:
4c. Brad Dean Eads
B: Nov. 15, 1950
D:

(Mildred and Miriam are sister)

Londus had a girl--

Viola Josphine Orr
B: Oct. 9, 1912
D:
Married: Apr. 23, 1937
to
Lester Fox
B:
D: June 25, 1961
Children:
Marilyn Kay Fox
B: May 8, 1946
D:
Viola's 2nd marriage: Aug. 20, 1967
to
William Stephen
B: Aug. 27, 1915
D:

* John W. Eads
3rd marriage: April 19, 1933
to
Ruth Miller
B: April 19, 1905
D: Nov. 24, 1986

JOHN W. EADS

B: Aug. 8, 1882
D: Sept. 7, 1953

Mildred (Eads) Dyson's father
Robert Dyson's grandfather

JOHN W. EADS

B: Aug. 8, 1882
D: Sept. 7, 1953

John W. Eads
2nd marriage: Aug. 8, 1914
Londus Miller
B: Apr. 20, 1893
D: Aug. 6, 1929

John W. Eads
3rd marriage: Apr. 19, 1933
Ruth Miller
B: April 19, 1905
D: Nov. 24, 1986

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLARD & DORA PEARL (FIRGUSSON) WATSON
Grandparents of Patricia Dyson

** Willard Watson
B: Oct. 1878 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 27, 1919 DeKalb Co. Ind.- Woodlawn Cem., Auburn, Ind.
Married: Sept. 2, 1903 Allen Co. Ind.
to
** Dora Pearl Firgusson
B: June 20, 1879 Kosciusko Co.Ind.
D: July 26, 1918 DeKalb Co. Ind. - Woodlawn Cem., Auburn, Ind.
Children:

** 1. Elroy Watson
B: April 4, 1911 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Dec. 8, 1934 Wells Co. Ind.
to
** Vera Bender
B: Jan. 18, 1911 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Children:

** 1a. Patricia Watson
B: Nov. 3, 1935 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Jan. 31, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind.
to (license from Wells Co. Ind.)
* Robert L. Dyson
B: Aug. 29, 1933 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

2. Irvin John Watson
B: Aug. 26, 1912 Dekalb Co. Ind.
D: April 13, 1983 Fla. Burial: Covington Mem-Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Married: 1935-Christmas time, Allen Co. Allen Co., Ind.
to
Louella DePew
B:
D:
Irvin and Louella divorced about 1945
Irvin's 2nd marriage: June 30, 1946 Allen Co. Ind.
to
Harriet Ann Syson
B: Feb. 7, 1914 Sangamon Co., Chatham, Ill.
D:
Children:

2a. Irvin Lee Hilkert
B: July 20, 1948 Allen Co. Ind.
D:
Married: May 9, 1970 Wells Co. Ind.
to
Kristeen Noonan
B: Nov. 4, 1950 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLARD & DORA PEARL (FIRGUSSON) WATSON
(CON'T)
Grandparents of Patricia Dyson

3. Nellie Pauline Watson (Johnston)
B: Nov. 16, 1914 Dekalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: May 2, 1937
to
Waldo Krinn
B: June 26, 1914 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Children:

3a. John Krinn
B: June 2, 1938 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: July 16, 1960 Wells Co. Ind.
to
Shirley Ann Carpenter
B: Dec. 16, 1938 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

3b. Jean Ann Krinn
B: Dec. 24, 1948 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Aug. 22, 1970 Wells Co. Ind.
to
Alan Kent Emswiller
B: June 4, 1948 Wells Co.
D:

4. Annabelle Watson (Boone)
B: July 5, 1918 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Jan. 31, 1938 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Paul F. Dunlap
B: Mar. 18, 1918 Allen Co. Ind.
D:
Children:

1. Dennis Keith Dunlap
B: May 18, 1947 Allen Co. Ind.
D:

2. Marilyn Kaye Dunlap
B: Apr 30, 1949 Allen Co. Ind.
D:

Elroy Was adopted by William & Goldie Zerns (Goldie's mother was Maggie Born) and at the age of 21, Elroy went to the Wells Co. courts; filed & had his name of "Watson" restored.

Irvin was adopted by Claude & Joy Hilkert.

Nellie was adopted by (Joke) & Pearl Johnston.

Annabelle was adopted by Harry & Florence (Firgusson) Boone. Florence was a cousin to the Watson-Firgusson Family.

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Florence was a cousin to the Watson (Firgusson) Family

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLARD & DORA PEARL (FIRGUSSON) WATSON

1a. Patricia (Watson) & Robert Dyson
Children:

a. David Lee Dyson
B: Nov. 20, 1955 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Aug. 5, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Tamera Loy Meagher
B: Sept. 12, 1956 Allen Co. Ind.
D:
Children:
1. Christina Renae Dyson
B: Oct. 10, 1981 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:
2. Dean Lester Dyson
B: June 29, 1984 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:

b. Lois Ellen Dyson
B: Aug. 23, 1958 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Sept. 16, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Jimmy Lee Brandenburg
B: Oct. 1, 1953 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
D:
Children:
1. Carrie Ann Brandenburg
B: June 12, 1980 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:
2. Heather Ranee Brandenburg
B: Aug. 1, 1985 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:

c. Lorinda Sue Dyson
B: Nov. 5, 1962, Dekalb Co. Ind.
D:

d. DeAnn Kay Dyson
B: July 30, 1965 Dekalb Co. Ind.
D:

e. Dawn Lynette Dyson
B: July 13, 1972 Noble Co. Ind.
D:

2a. Irvin Lee & Kristeen (Noonan) Hilkert
Children:

a. Jenny Hilkert
B: May 20, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:

b. Benjamin John Hilkert
B: Mar. 16, 1981 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLARD & DORA PEARL (FIRGUSSON) WATSON (CON'T)

3a. John & Shirley (Carpenter) Krinn
Children:
a. Tim Krinn
B: Feb. 2, 1962 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: May 7, 1981
to
Karen Huntsman
B:
D:
Children:
1. Melissa Marie Krinn
B: Aug. 29, 1984
D:
2. Zachery Aaron Krinn
B: July 23, 1987
D:

3b Jean Ann (Krinn) & Alan Kent Emswiller
Children:
a. Greg Alan Emswiller
B: April 15, 1976
D:
b. Rebecca Lynn Emswiller
B: July 26, 1979
D:

4a. Dennis & Lori? Dunlap 2nd marriage: July 1988
Children:
a. Dennis has a girl
Mindy Fay Dunlap
B: Dec 7, 1976
b. Travis Dunlap
B: May 19, 1978
D:

4b. Marilyn Kaye (Dunlap) & Ronald Butts
Children:

-- 1. Sean Ryan Butts
B: June 1, 1978
D:

WATSON

Dora Pearl Firgusson

Willard Watson

Dora Pearl & Willard
(Firgusson)
Watson

Married: Sept. 2, 1903
Allen Co., Ind.

Patricia's father

Elroy Watson
B: Apr. 4, 1911

Elroy Watson
B: Apr. 4, 1911

Nellie (Watson-Johnson)Krinn
B: Nov. 16, 1914

Irvin Watson-Hilkert
B: Aug. 26, 1912
D: Apr. 13, 1983

Elroy Watson
Born-April 4, 1911

Irvin John Watson
Born-Aug. 26, 1912

Elroy Watson
Born-Apr. 4, 1911

-Parents-
Dora Pearl (Firgusson)
Died-July 26, 1918

Willard A. Watson
Died-Oct. 19, 1919

CHILDREN OF WILLARD & PEARL (FIRGUSSON) WATSON

Irvin J. Watson Hilkert
B: Aug. 26, 1912
D: Apr. 13, 1983

Nellie P. Watson Johnson
B: Nov. 16, 1914

Annabelle Watson Boone
B: July 5, 1918

Late 1940's
Irvin Hilkert, Elroy Watson,
Nellie Krinn, Annabelle Dunlap

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF VIRGIE & JENNIE (CHRISTMAN) BENDER
Grandparents of Patricia (Watson) Dyson

** Virgie O. Bender
B: Nov. 6, 1885 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 5, 1975 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 24, 1906 Wells Co. Ind. (Murray)
to
** Jennie Christman
B: July 27, 1886 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 19, 1956 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:

1. Verl Christman Bender
B: Jan. 6, 1908 Wells Co. Ind.
D: June 30, 1976 Whitley Co. Ind.
Married: June 5, 1937 Miami Co. Ind.
to
Garnet Marie (Leffel) Warner
B: Jan. 11, 1907 Miami Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 5, 1981 In Fla. Buried in Whitley Co. Ind.
Children:
Marie had 1 son-
Fredrick Werner
B: Jan. 30, 1930 ?
D:

** 2. Vera Bender
B: Jan. 18, 1911 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Dec. 8, 1934 Wells Co. Ind. (Liberty Center)
to
** Elroy Watson
B: Apr. 4, 1911 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Children:

** 2a. Patricia Watson
B: Nov. 3, 1935 Wells Co. Ind. (Liberty Twp.)
D:
Married: Jan. 31, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind. (license from Wells Co. Ind.)
to
* Robert L. Dyson
B: Aug. 29, 1933 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

3. Marjorie Bender
B: Dec. 22, 1912 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Nov. 24, 1936 Wells Co. Ind. (Liberty Center, Ind.)
to
Willis Erwin Souder
B: July 2, 1913 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: April 25, 1985 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Children:

3a. William Eugene Souder
B: Sept. 20, 1937 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF VIRGIE & JENNIE (CHRISTMAN) BENDER (CON'T)
Grandparents of Patricia (Watson) Dyson

4. Maryalis Bender
B: Jan. 11, 1914 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Aug. 16, 1941 (Prairie Church Parsonage) Wells Co. Ind.
to
Paul A. Stout
B: Feb. 6, 1917 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF VIRGIE & JENNIE (CHRISTMAN) BENDER

(step son of Verl Bender)
1a. Fredrick Werner
B: Jan 30, 1930 ?
D:
Married:
to
Annabelle ?
B:
D:
Children:
1. Steve Werner
B:
D:
2. Lora Werner
B:
D:
Fredrick & Annabelle Divorced:
Fredrick's 2nd marriage:
to
Ruby Scott
B: Feb. 19, ?
D:

Children of Patricia & Robert Dyson

2a. David Lee Dyson
B: Nov. 20, 1955 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Aug. 5, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Tamera Loy Meagher
B: Sept. 12, 1956 Allen Co. Ind.
D:
Children:
1. Christina Ranae Dyson
B: Oct. 10, 1981 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:
2. Dean Lester Dyson
B: June 29, 1984 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:

Children of Patricia & Robert Dyson (con't)

2a2. Lois Ellen Dyson
B: Aug. 23, 1958 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Sept. 16, 1978 Whitley Co. Ind.
to
Jimmie Lee Brandenburg
B: Oct. 1, 1953 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
D:
Children:
1. Carrie Ann Brandenburg
B: June 12, 1980 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:
2. Heather Rene Brandenburg
B: Aug. 1, 1985 Whitley Co. Ind.
D:

2a3. Lorinda Sue Dyson
B: Nov. 5, 1962 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:

2a4. DeAnn Kay Dyson
B: July 30, 1965 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:

2a5. Dawn Lynette Dyson
B: July 13, 1972 Noble Co. Ind.
D:

Children of Bill & Edith (Love) Souder
Bill Souder
B: Sept. 20, 1937
D:
Married: Mar. 2, 1957 Coldwater, Mich. (Baptist Church
to
Edith Love
B: July 22, 1937 DeKalb Co. (Butler)
D:
Children:
3a1. Diana Souder
B: Mar. 3, 1958 Layfette, Ind.
D:
Married: Dec. 19, 1981 Pittsburg Pa.
to
Piotr Gajeswiski
B: Jan. 19, 1958 Poland
D:
Children:
1. Michelle Gajeswiski
B: July 16, 1988 Gaitersburg, Md.
D:

Children of Bill & Edith (Love) Souder Con't-

3a2. Denetta Souder
B: April 20, 1959 East St. Louis, Ill.
D:
Married: June 12, 1983 Pittsburg, Pa.
to
Steve Thimaleas
B: Oct. 30, 1957 Pittsburg, Pa.
D:

3a3. Dorene Souder
B: Oct. 3, 1960 East St. Louis, Ill.
D:
Married: Aug. 1, 1987 Pittsburg, Pa.
to
Tom Scarvace
B: Nov. 2, 1960 Pittsburg, Pa.
D:

The Exponent

Wednesday, November 8, 1989 — The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Souder selected as Eminent Scholar

The University of Alabama in Huntsville has selected William E. Souder to fill the Eminent Scholar Chair in Management for the College of Administrative Science.

Souder is the second Eminent Scholar to come to UAH through the Eminent Scholar Trust Fund Act, which matches private donations with state funds to bring top scholars to Alabama's public universities. William Porter, Eminent Scholar in computer engineering, was the first Eminent Scholar Chair at UAH and began his duties in September.

Souder will assume his position full-time in June 1990.

In making the announcement, UAH President Dr. Louis Padulo explained that the Eminent Scholar Chair in Management will be devoted to advancing the study of management of technology, which links engineering, science and management in the planning,developing and implementing of new technologies.

According to Padulo, "Professor Souder as the holder of this Chair will act as an intergrator and catalyst throughout the university to bring together and focus research, teach and otureach activities in the managment of technology."

Souder will plan, develop and lead the International Center for the Managment of Technology. The center's objective will be to build a strong university-industrial alliance for research and education in mangement oif technology. The center utilize a rotating member industrial advisory board to provide suggestions for current research problems, review ongoing research, assist in field site acquisition and in the dissemination and implementation of research findings. Detailed plans for the center will be presented to the University of Alabama system Board of Trustees.

souder comes to UAH from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was professor of industrial engineering and director of the Technology Management Studies Institute. He brings to UAH a wealth of experience in management of technology and has many plans to make the university and Huntsville a center in that field.

"The Eminent Scholar position will be devoted to advancing the state of the art in manageement of technology," said Souder. "I am personally very excited about the prospects for that here at UAH. I think we could become a world-renowned center for the advancement of management of technology principles and practices. All the ingredients are here."

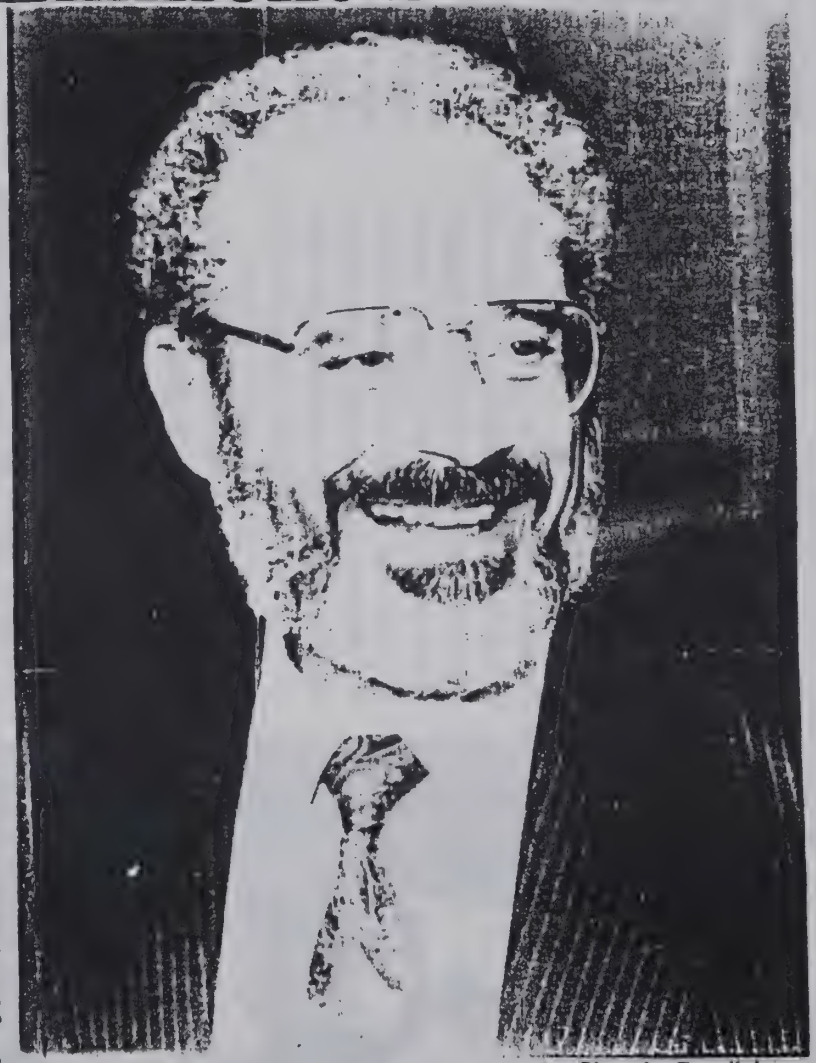
Souder received his Ph.D. in business administration from St. Louis University in 1970 with a major in management science and minors in economics and research methods and his M.B.A. from St. Louis University. He did his undergraduate work at Purdue University.

Souder is the author of five books, 18 book chapters and over 50 articles in refereed academic journals. He is the recipient of numerous research grants, editorships and awards, including grants from the National Science Foundation totaling $288,000 and a $50,000 grant from General Motors. His latest grant is from the National Center for Excellence in Metalworking Technologies, for $409,000, to study systems for transferring automated manufacturing technologies to small,regional metalworking firms.

A search committe worked for more than a year to fill the post. The committee included members from the National Research Council and other universities. Faculty from the UAH colleges of administrative science, engineering and computer science also were committee members.

UAH College of Admistrative Science Dean David Biliings said the committee worked diligently on its assignment to bring a top scholar and leader to the position.

"I want to thank the committe for its sound advice and counsel during the selection process," said Billings.



William E. Souder — *Photo by Terrell Joiner*

SOUDER TO FILL EMINENT SCHOLAR CHAIR IN MANAGEMENT

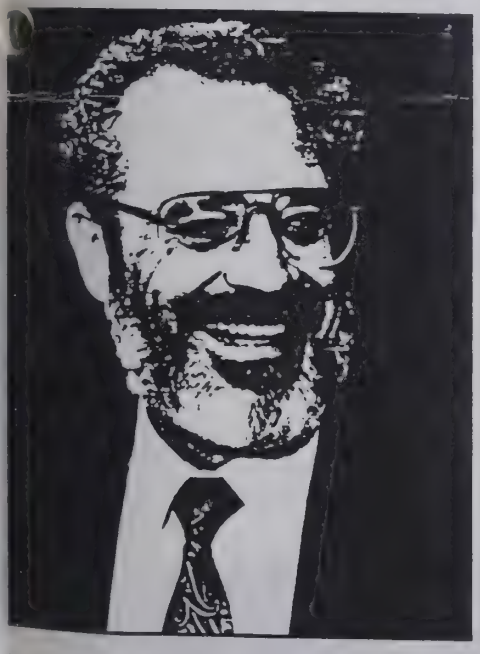
UAH has selected William E. Souder to fill the Eminent Scholar Chair in Management for the College of Administrative Science.

Souder will assume his position full-time in June 1990. He is the second Eminent Scholar to come to UAH through the Eminent Scholar Trust Fund Act. The act provides for the matching of private donations with state funds to bring top scholars to Alabama's public universities.

In making the announcement, UAH President Louis Padulo explained that the Eminent Scholar Chair in Management will be devoted to advancing the study of management of technology, which links engineering, science and management in the planning, developing and implementing of new technologies.

"Professor Souder as the holder of this Chair will act as an integrator and catalyst throughout the university to bring together and focus research, teaching and outreach activities in the management of technology," Padulo said.

Souder will plan, develop and lead the International Center for the Management of Technology. The center's objective will be to build a strong university-industrial alliance for research and education in management of technology. The center will utilize a rotating member industrial advisory board to provide suggestions for current research problems, review ongoing research, assist in field site acquisition and in the dissemination and implementation of research findings. Plans for the center will be presented to the University of Alabama System Boad of Trustees.



Dr. William E. Souder

"The Eminent Scholar position will be devoted to advancing the state of the art in management of technology," Souder said. "I am personally very excited about the prospects for that here at UAH. I think we could become a world-renowned center for the advancement of management of technology principles and practices. All the ingredients are here."

A major role of the center will be its active outreach program to industry, which will be carried out through joint participation of the faculties of the College of Administrative Science and the College of Engineering. The outreach program will consist of regular visits to international, national and local firms to disseminate research findings, initiate joint research projects, promote the activities of the center, and learn about industry needs and problems.

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Souder from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was professor of industrial engineering and director of the Technology Management Studies Institute. He received his Ph.D. in business administration from St. Louis University in 1970 with a major in management science and minors in economics and research methods and his M.B.A. from St. Louis University. He did his undergraduate work at Purdue University.

Souder has been a consultant to U.S. governmental agencies, research institutes, foreign governments, Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 firms. He has over 12 years of industrial experience in engineering design and testing, new product development, mathematical modeling, project management, and engineering cost analysis.

Souder is the author of five books, 18 book chapters and over 50 articles in refereed academic journals. He has received numerous research grants, editorships and awards, including grants from the National Science Foundation and General Motors. His latest grant is from the National Center for Excellence in Metalworking Technologies for $408,000 to study systems for transferring automated manufacturing technologies to small, regional metalworking firms.

"We are very excited that a scholar of Dr. Souder's caliber has chosen to come to UAH," said ADTRAN President Mark Smith, Chairman of the College of Administrative Science Advisory Committee, which helped recruit Souder. "His interdisciplinary work in the field of management of technology will strengthen the relationship of UAH with business and industry."

The chair in management technology was funded by a variety of Huntsville and North Alabama businesses.

VERGIE O. BENDER
B: NOV. 6, 1885
D: MAY 5, 1975

Virgie with great-grandchildren Lorinda, DeAnn, Lois, Virgie with Dawn and David Dyson

VERGIE BENDER

about 1903 (18 yrs.)

about 1906 (21 yrs.)

Vergie, Cairo, Lawrence
about 1905

JENNIE (CHRISTMAN) BENDER

Born: July 27, 1886
Died: May 19, 1955

CHRISTMAN
&
BENDER

Jennie Maria Christman
and
Vergie O. Bender

married

Nov. 24, 1906 Wells Co.
in the parsonage of
Rev. Markley

built home and lived
their entire married life
in Liberty Twp. Wells Co.

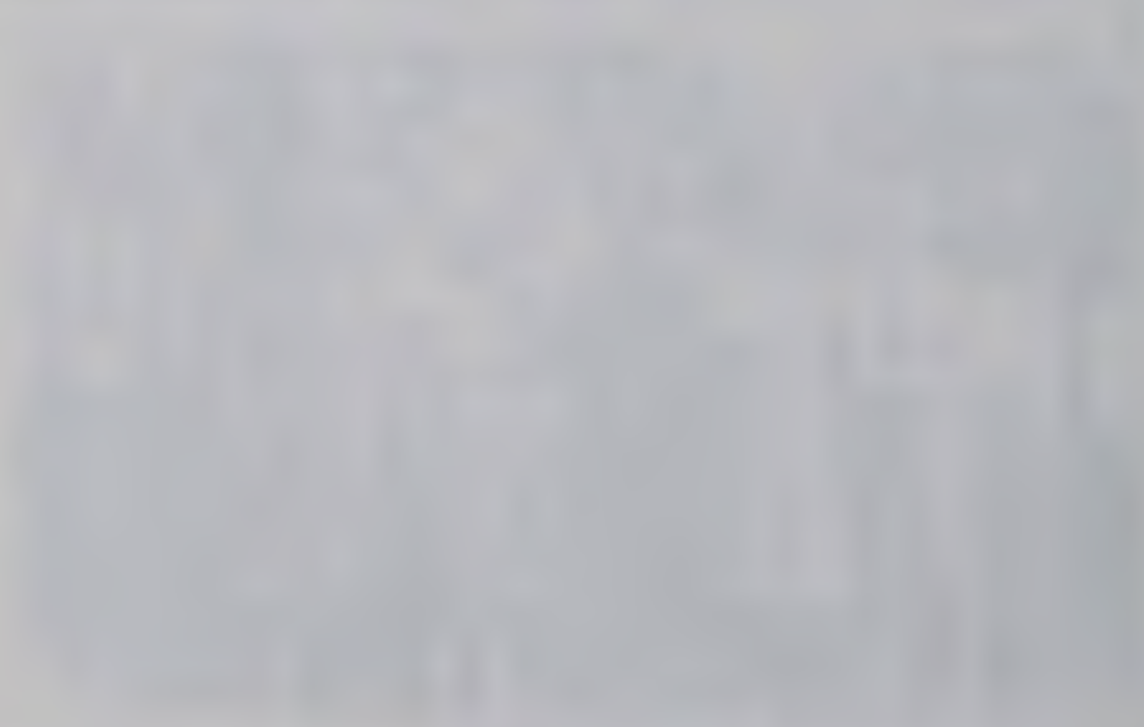
They met in grade school
(Smokey Row) and were
childhood sweethearts.

Vergie always said he would marry and take care of Jennie as she was nice and quite and the other kids were mean to her and pushed her down in the dirt and he always stood up for her. (As quoted by Vergie's sister, Valley.)

VERGIE & JENNIE (CHRISTMAN) BENDER HOME
Vera (Bender) Watson on porch and
George Christman home in background.

Children & Spouses of Vergie & Jennie (Christman) Bender

Elroy & Vera (Bender) Watson--Willis & Marjorie (Bender) Souder---
Verl & Marie (Leffel-Warner) Bender--Paul & Maryalis (Bender) Stout



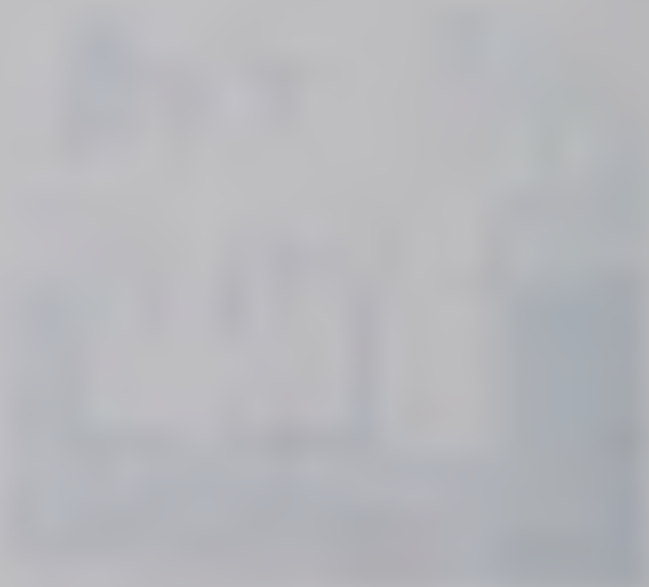
VERA (BENDER) WATSON

Vera Bender
4 mo. old
Born Jan. 18, 1911

Vera in her school
gym clothes

Vera-7 yr. old--Marjorie-6 yr. old
Maryalis--5 yr. old

Verl C. Bender



Smoky Row School
South of the George Christman Farm
Where Vera (Bender) Watson attended grade school

Liberty Center High School
Liberty Center, Indiana, Wells Co.
Vera (Bender) Watson graduated here in 1929
Her daughter, Patricia, also went to school here 1946-49

Vera (Bender) Watson graduated from Liberty Center High School, Liberty Center, Ind. in 1929. Her dad, Virgie Bender wrote a poem including class mates. Written Mar. 1928--Vera was a Junior.

THE ALPHABETICAL BALLAD
By Virgie Bender

A is for Ada
Who is always near
Her Love for this class
We need never fear.

B is for Beatrice
Who lives up to the law,
She now moved to Bluffton
To stay with her grandma.

C is for Custard
Our sponsor you see
If you don't want any trouble
Better leave this man be.

D is for Davis
Vice President of class
She is very friendly
And a nice little lass.

E is for Evans
Who' first name is Frances,
She teaches Physical Training
But none of them dances.

F is for flunk
Which we never get
Although the L. C. Juniors
Have plenty time yet.

G is for Gregg
For grey and for growl
When Frankie reads this
He surely will howl.

H is for Hilda
Who's a nice little miss
Although he thinks so
This young Walter Smith.

I is for ivory
In elephants' tusk they have found,
Our heads are clear full
From the way they do sound.

J is for James
He's a comic you see
Who comes late to school
But we just let him be.

K is for kindness
You will always find
In the L. C. Junior class
With a number of nine.

L is for Lawrence
His last name is Frantz
He'll argue you down
Just give him a chance.

M is for Murphy
Who makes a hard test
She's been here four years
And she came from the west.

N is for neatness
So make up this rhyme,
We'll all stand the test
From one up to nine.

O is for open
Our eyes in our books,
When we are ask a question
O My, how he looks!

P is for Parke
Whose last name is Minnich
When he's in the science room
You would think it was a clinic.

Q is for quiet
You'll find in our room,
For the janitor always settles
Everything with his broom.

R is for Ruby
Who is very neat
Just ask this George Noble
He says she is sweet.

ALPHABETICAL BALLAD (CON'T)

S is for Strait
Who is very cross
But Henderson is hired
To be the school's boss

T is for Thomas
Who was in our class play,
He is now not with us
He has moved away.

U is for unite
Which this class has done
To make a Junior paper
And have lots of fun.

V is for Vera
Who is Secretary of class,
She handles all the money
And pays for the gas.

W is for Weinland
In our class play you see
And if you remember
He had one on each knee.

X stands for ten
But We have only nine,
But we are all good ones
Just bear that in mind.

Y Stands for you
"I saw you just then,"
Said Henderson to Robert,
"Now pick up your pen/"

Z is for zero
In our class you won't find
Of course there are others
So bear this in mind.

Now etc. is
What we put at the last,
Now please buy a Journal
And make yourself laugh.

(Note: Thomas Bulger rewturned to Liberty Center school after this poem was written.)

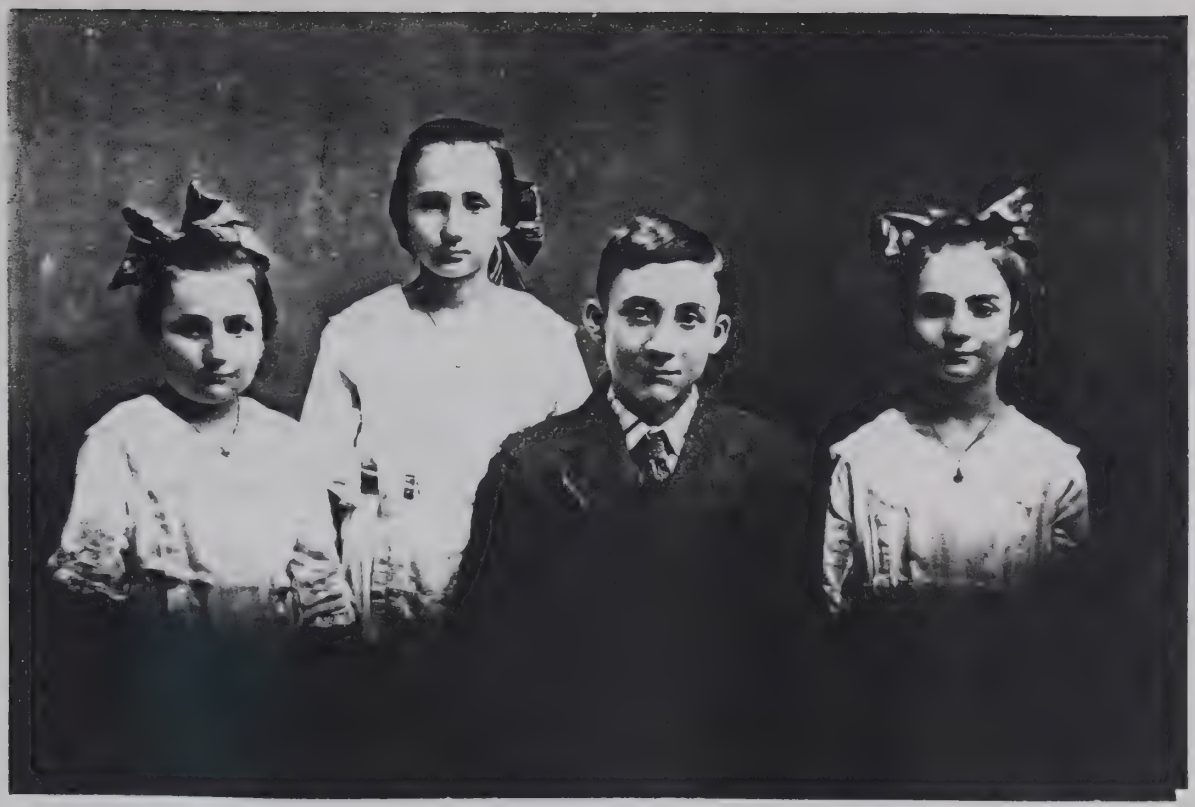
CHILDREN OF VIRGIE & JENNIE (CHRISTMAN) BENDER

Yr. 1985
Vera Watson--Marjorie Souder--Maryalis Stout

Yr. 1927
Verl C. Bender

GRANDCHILDREN OF VIRGIE & JENNIE BENDER

Yr. 1985 Patricia (Watson) Dyson & Bill Souder



1921
Maryalis-9 yrs., Vera-11 yrs., Verl-14 yrs., Marjorie-10 yrs.

BENDERS

Vera, Verl, Maryalis,
Verd, Jennie, Marjorie

about 1925

TO MARYALIS BENDER

I have the sweetest, kindest frind
And also a defender.
Her Name, as you will all surmise,
Is Maryalis Bender.

We never have a cross word
As you will all agree.
We really are the best of friends
And hope we'll always be.

I stayed all night with her one night
And Oh, what fun I had.
Vera Frances went also
And that we went, we sure were glad.

She has a mother kind and true.
Two sisters and a brother too,
And also a kind father dear,
And I am sure they are true blue.

Her father, of whom she is proud
Is just the kind to have around.
He never smoked, nor swore, nor drank,
He's just the kind that's good and sound.

She, too is loving, kind and true
And always glad to lend a hand.
I'm proud to say she'll always be
The kind that I can call "just grand."

Just Me

Winfred LaMasters
Composed during school years
about 1928-29

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THE DYSON FAMILY

(taken from history written by Mildred Dyson 1952)

Several years before our great Civil War a young man in North Carolina named William Dyson married a girl named Elvira Stroud and in this family were born seven sons-

Richard
William
Alvin
Perry
Tom
John
Pink

and two girls-

Elizabeth
Dorcas

During the same period another young man named Eliza Gaither married a girl named Jane Comer and to this union were born three sons-

Zachariah
Dr. Ellis
John

and six daughters-

Martha,
Sarah Catherine
Margaret
Mary
Nancy
Rachel
Tempie

Near the beginning of the Civil War, Richard of the Dyson family married the shy and quiet Martha of the Gaither family. As a result of this marriage there were two children who died in infancy, and six who married. These six-

Sallie
Molly
Emaline
Angolina
Charles
William

With their children, grandchildren and in-laws make up the group that principally form the Dyson Reunion today. Sallie and Mollie were born in North Carolina and the others in Indiana. So you see we are a mixture of Tarheel and Hoosier.

Father, Mother with Sallie and Mollie left Mockville, North Carolina in the spring of 1866, arriving in Fairmount on May 5th. Several others came with them; there were five wagons in all. Dad was driving a team of mules named Jim and Fan. Jim was the ornery one of the pr. He must have been related to the other mule that "stood on the buring deck when all but him had fled" for when they boarded a boat to come down the Ohio river

the big negroes had to almost carry him on and off the boat.

Davy Tuturow and Family Came Along

Running the boat was a jolly captain round and fat. Seeing Sallie, who was four years old, he asked her name and she told him, "Sallie Ann Samantha Dyson". He asked her again in a little while and she said, "I told you Sallie Ann Samantha Dyson", and with his big sides shaking with laughter he would ask her again just to hear her spit out, "Sallie Ann Samantha Dyson". He ended up by giving her a little knife as a present.

The trip was long and tiresome. As an example of the speed they made, they started out early on a day and after a hard day's drive in the mountains they camped at night. One of the party noticed a place down the mountain a short distance where someone had camped and going down he found it was their camping place the night before.

It was necessary to ford the rivers and at one place the wagon hit a rock and one of the mules almost drowned. The men made a saddle with their hands and carried the women and children to shore and finally got the wagon safety across.

after they reached Indiana, they found things pretty tough. Dad worked for other people and rented around for several years and about 1878 he bought the thirty acres that was home for us for so long and from which we all went out to make homes for ourselves.

As we know Mom and Dad have long since passed on and only the memory of the home they made for us remains. We their children, are becoming aged and nearing the end of the way but we trust that what this records has not been in vain, but from it will come many descendants that will be a blessing to the community in which they live and to our country as a whole which, after all her mistakes, still remains the greatest and best nation on the face of the earth today. Several of our members are wearing the uniform of that nation today maintaining the honor of her flag and preserving her liberty and freedom. To these we pause and give honor today, and to those who have given the full measure of devotion to that flag, words fail to express our high regard for them and our deep sympathy for their families. They have left their homes and their dearest friends to answer their country's call and to this land of the free and the brave they have freely given their all and without the care of a loving home or the touch of a mother's hand, they have come to rest in hallowed graves in the soil of foreign lands.

Sacrifices have been made before and will be made again to bring blessings to our land. Our Saviour died on the cross to give us freedom from sin. Our forefathers died at Lexington and Bunker Hill to give liberty to our land. But the sacrifices

being made today are very close to all of us. They make us wonder if we place the proper value on the blessings we enjoy today. The cost is very great; let us value them highly.

Written by Charles F. Dyson - Aug. 1945

The Dyson descendants are supposed to be Holland Dutch but have been heard to be in several other states and England.

ANCESTRAL HISTORY

By Mary (Dyson) Miller 1988

The Scotch-Irish, the largest of the newcomers, were not Irish at all, and they were distinct from the Scots who came directly from Scotland. In the early 1600s the northern county of Ulster in Ireland was peopled with the subjects from the Scotish Lowlands. These ulster colonists-the Scotch-Irish eventually embarked in successive waves of immigration. They occupied land at the edge of the American wilderness. The emigration began about the middle of the 17th century but did not assume considerable proportions until around 1718. It is estimated that between 1725 and 1768 the number of Scotch-Irish immigrants rose from 3,000 to 6,000 annually. Between 1771 and 1773 some 30,000 departed. Some of them went to New England, several thousand sailed directly to Virginia and Carolina. But by far the largest number landed first on the shores of the Delaware and took up settlements on the frontiers on Pennsylvania and spread from there southward. This colony has been called "the seed plot of frontier emmigration", for beginning about 1732 a constant stream of emmigrants, composed of Germans and Scotch-Irish flowed to the south and southwest along the great valleys into the western portions of Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

(excerpted from "Imigration and Migration and Settlement in the US A Genealogical Guidebook by Marilyn Lind (Social Patterns pages 36,37)

During the American Revolution, there were Dyson's fighting in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. The soldiers knew the countryside well, therefore making a later move easier. Some early soldiers were Thomas Dyson, Thomas Dyson, Phillip Dyson and Barton Dyson. Barton Dyson who left Maryland after 1776 subsequently showed up in North Carolina where he had been in service to his country.

The settlers invariably located as close to the sources of the larger creeks as possible, thereby insuring adequate water and the most fertile soil. Dyson families were along the waters of Little Creek on the South Yadkin River in NC. These Dysons families included Richard, James, Greenbury, and William (son of Barton). And Barton on Hunting Creek and Little Dutchman's Creek. Rowan County NC was formed in 1753 from

Anson Co. Most of the Anson Co. records ere destroyed by fire. Rowan Co. has the earliest set of court records for the entire area. Rowan Co. occupied the NW quarter of the State of N. Carolina. From the area that was originally Rowan Co; 30 counties or parts of counties (including Iredell & Davie) were carved in North Carolina. For 87 years Rowan Co. was the largest and most important Co. in the western section of North Carolina. From the land records we can observe that the Dyson lands didn't change place, just the official names of the counties where they lived changed names.

Probably the best of the early roads that funneled newly-arrived settlers out of Philadelphia (and other places) was the GREAT WAGON ROAD. After 1744 it led west from philadelphia through Lancaster and York, Pa. down to Frederick Md. Later it was extended up the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia as far south as the western Carolinas.

(excerpted from American Migration Guide by John W. Heisley--Colonial Migrations (1607-1783)

The settlement of the northwest Carolina frontier was an historical process involving two interrelated elements: land and people. As has been seen, the region extending in a giant gentle curve from the Delaware Valley and the head of the Chesapeake to west-central Carolina was actually a continuous, undulating well-watered plain of savannah grass, differing in no important way at its northern and southern extremities. Flanked by the Alleghenies to the northwest and the Blue Ridge to the southeast, this fertile belt (inhabited only by Indians west of the Susquehanna) provided a place of abode and at the same time a sheltered avenue for any who wished to push on to the south. As the central portions of Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina were virtually uninhabited as late as 1740, western piedmont region provided cheap, fertile land which would be virtually free of competitive immigration from the east for many years to come.

The influx of thousands of families into this natural avenue began before 1730 and continued until the outbreak of war with the Shawnees and Cherokees in 1754. The chief reason for this movement of population was undoubtedly economic, stemming from the depletion of the soil on Maryland's Eastern Shore and the rapidly rising price of land in Pennsylvania-- the latter due in large measure to the immigration of Ulster Scots following the economic dislocation in northern Ireland.

The second important cause of the southward movement may be described as politico-military. The border war between Pennsylvania and Maryland and the outbreak of King George's War (1739), combined with the reluctance of the Quaker authorities to extend either political equality or aid against Indian assaults along the frontier, caused a sharp increase in

the southward movement after 1740.

RDW Connor and Samuel A'Court Ashe have stated that Western North Carolina was settled chiefly by Scotch-Irish and German pioneer from Pennsylvania. The evidence with regard to the area considered in this study clearly indicates that the majority of the first settlers were indeed Scotch-Irish or German. It should not be forgotten that Maryland was settled fifty years before Pennsylvania and that a surplus population had developed on the Eastern Shore by 1730. A majority of the earliest settlers in northwestern Carolina originated in established settlements elsewhere in America or had themselves been in the colonies at least thirty years.

The evidence indicates that the English-speaking settlers entered the Yadkin-Catawba basin somewhat earlier than the German. Occupation of the best land by the Scotch-Irish, the small number of German appearing in the court records, and the absence of a Lutheran or Reformed church all indicate the later arrival of the Germans.

Rowan County, it must be remembered, was an agricultural region. The in coming settlers sought cheap land, not town lots--and yet Salisbury grew.

(exerpts from Carolina Cradle by Robert W. Ramsey--Settlement of Northwest Carolina Frontier 1747-1762)

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES RICHARD & MARTHA ANN (GAITHER) DYSON
Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* James Richard Dyson
B: Oct. 30, 1840 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: 1912 Grant Co. Ind.
Married: Dec. 20, 1860 Davie Co. No. Carolina
to
* Martha Ann Gaither
B: Mar. 28, 1844 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: Feb. 6, 1923 Grant Co. Ind.
Children:

1. Sarah Ann Samantha (Sally) Dyson
B: Nov. 16, 1861 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: Jan. 1949 Indiana
Married: 1884
to
Samuel Eppard
B: 1851
D: 1919
Children:

1a. Blanche A. Eppard
B: Apr. 26, 1887
D: June 10, 1987 Logansport, Ind.

1b. Charle Eppard
B: Dec. 7, 1888
D: April 19, 1968

1c. Agnes Eppard
B: June 2, 1897
D:

1d. Larie Eppard
B:
D: at age of 2

2. Nancy Elvira Dyson
B: May 27, 1863 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: Died in infancy

3. Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Dyson
B: Nov. 6, 1864 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: June 9, 1948 in Ind.
Married: Feb. 25, 1881 in No. Carolina
to
William Gaither
B: Mar. 26, 1868 No. Carolina
D: Aug. 15, 1951 in Indiana
Children:

3a. Grover Gaither
B: Aug. 13, 1892 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 4, 1965
Married: Dec. 24, 1912
to
Blanche Lois Allen
B: Jan. 5, 1891
D: 1970

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES RICHARD & MARTHA ANN (GAITHER) DYSON
Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson (Con't)

Children of Grover & Blanche Gaither

(1) Mary Margaret Gaither
B: Oct. 22, 1916
D:

(2) George W. Gaither
B: Dec. 21, 1913 Alexandria, Ind.
D:
Married: June 17, 1934
to
Lela O. Hartwell
B: Feb. 20, 1914
D:
Children:

(2a) Mary Ann Gaither
B: Jan. 17, 1934
D:

(2b) Billie Jim Gaither
B: Mar. 28, 1936
D:

(2c) Danny Jo Gaither
B: Nov. 20, 1938
D:

(2d) Trina Ann Gaither
B: Sept. 26, 1941
D:

GAITHER TRIO
(Religious Singing Groups) were formed by this Family. Billy Jo and Danny (group) leaders are 2nd cousins to Robert L. Dyson.

3b. Joe Gaither
B: Nov. 24, 1894
D: April 10, 1937

3c. Robert Gaither
B: Aug. 23, 1896 Summitville, Ind.
D: Mar. 23, 1980 Indianapolis, Ind.

3d. Jessie Gaither
B: Aug. 25, 1898 Alexandria, Ind.
D: July 26, 1984

3e. Lawrence Richard Gaither
B: Dec. 20, 1900
D: Sept. 16, 1974 Anderson, Ind.

3f. Etta Gaither
B: Sept. 27, 1907
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES RICHARD & MARTHA ANN (GAITHER) DYSON
Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson (CON'T)

4. Emeline (Emma) Dyson (twin)
B: July 21, 1867 Grant Co. Ind.
D: June 12, 1958
Married: Jan. 29, 1893
to
Charles Tutorow
B:
D: April 5, 1933
Children:
4a. Clarence Tutorow
B: Oct. 31, 1893
D:

5. Angeline (Angie) Dyson (twin)
B: July 21, 1867 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 13, 1962
Married: Aug. 26, 1886
to
Wash Knopp
B: April 24, 1862
D: July 13, 1924
Children:
5a. Estella Knopp
B: June 7, 1887 Summitville, Ind.
D: Nov. 30, 1969
5b. Frank Knopp
B: March 22, 1889 Fairmont, Ind.
D:
5c. John Cleophas Knopp
B:
D: when 18 mo. old
5d. Walter Knopp
B: Aug. 11, 1893
D:
5e. Mattie Knopp
B: April 17, 1896
D:
5f. William Jennings Bryant knopp
B: July 7, 1889
D:
5g. Edna Marie Knopp
B: April 19, 1902
D:
5h. Ruth Lavon knopp
B: March 25, 1909
D:

* 6. Charles Francis Dyson
B: Sept. 16, 1874 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 29, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Mar. 24, 1900

Charles Francis Dyson married--
to
* Daisy Belle Davis
B: Mar. 5, 1879
D: June 12, 1972 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

* 6a. Floyd Lorrine Dyson
B: Mar. 18, 1901 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Apr. 18, 1979 Wabash Co. Ind.

6b. Florence Ellen Dyson
B: July 27, 1902 Madison Co. Ind.
D:

6c. Russell Dyson
B: 1904
D: 1904

6d. Lester Richard Dyson
B: Feb. 15, 1905 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 16, 1981 Huntington Co. Ind.

6e. Velma Martha Hilda Dyson
B: Nov. 8, 1906 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

6f. Ruth Alice Dyson
B: Aug. 1, 1913 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

7. William Henry Dyson
B: June 19, 1878 Grant Co. Ind.
D: July 19, 1947 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: June 1901
to
Mary Clock
B: Dec. 11, 1885 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 10, 1950 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

7a. Paul Dyson
B: Mar. 25, 1903 Grant Co. Ind.
D: June 11, 1985 Wabash Co. Ind.

7b. Earl Dyson
B: Nov. 30, 1905 Grant Co. Ind.
D:

7c. Margaret Dyson
B: Oct. 14, 1907 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 27, 1988 Ft. Pierce, Fla.

7d. Wilbur (Curly) Dyson
B: July 15, 1909
D:

7e. Virgil Estel Dyson
B: Mar. 23, 1912
D:

7f. Claudus Dyson
B: Mar. 8, 1914
D: Mar. 20, 1978 Wabash Co. Ind.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES RICHARD & MARTHA ANN (GAITHER) DYSON
Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson (CON'T)

Children of William & Mary Dyson

7g. Raymond Joseph Dyson
B: June 7, 1918
D:

7h. Gerald Dyson
B: Feb. 28, 1922
D:

7i. Robert Dyson
B: Mar. 31, 1923
D:

8. Elmer E. Dyson
B: Feb. 27, 1880
D: died in infancy

JAMES RICHARD DYSON FAMILY - SUMMER - 1910
(taken in front of James Richard Dyson's log home)

back row: Sam Eppard, Garl Burnworth, Wash Knopp, Charles Tuterow, William Gaither, Molly Gaither, Orliff Hunt, William Dyson, Charles Dyson, Daisy Dyson

Row 2: Sally Eppard, Bill Knopp, Blanche Eppard Burnworth (dau. of Sally & Sam Eppard), Angie Dyson Knopp, Jesse Gaither, James Richard Dyson, Lawrence Gaither (William's son), Martha Ann Gaither Dyson (had one eye), Floyd Dyson (Charles' son, Mary Clock Dyson, Florence Dyson (Charles' dau), Stella Hunt

Row 3: Velma Dyson (Charles' dau), Ancil Burnworth (baby held by Blanche) He was born June 16, 1910 to help date the picture. Etta Gaither, Earl Dyson, Wilbur Dyson (held by Mary), Margaret Dyson, Nathan Hunt (twin), Otis Hunt, (twin)

Row 4: Agnes Eppard Beekman, Joe Gaither (Wm's son), Clarence Tuterow, Grover Gaither (Wm's son), Emma Dyson Tuterow, Robert Gaither (Wm's son)

Front Row: (children in front) Paul Dyson (7 yrs.) Mattie Knopp Hartley, Lester Dyson, Edna Knopp.

RICHARD & MARTHA (GAITHER) DYSON FAMILY

(back row) William Dyson, Sarah Ann Samantha (Eppard), Emaline (Tutorow)
Charles Dyson, Angeline (Knopp)
(front row) Richard Dyson, Martha E. (Gaither), Mary Elizabeth (Gaither)

William Dyson's home (Richard's father)
Mocksville N. C.

STORIES OF THE DAVIS FAMILY

Robert Dyson's Great-Great-Great-Grandparents---

Warwick Davis
B. May 13, 1792

Sarah (Worthington) Davis
B. Dec. 20, 1794

High Point, No. Carolina

They left High Point, North Carolina in the fall of 1854 or 1857 along with Farlow & Christena Davis, John & Sarah (Davis) Ware, and Martin Davis headed for Fairmont Twp. Ind., in a covered wagon drawn by 2 horses (one of them, (Old Brit) would balk. Some walked and some drove the wagon. Some days they would walk all day to come a short way throught the Blue Ridge Mountains. One night they stopped to came after traveling all day and could look down and see where they camped the night before.

Sarah Worthington Davis took a qt. jug of whiskey that lasted till after they arrived at Fairmont.

They crossed the Ohio River on a ferry boat and when they drove off - Old Brit balked and backed the wagon in the river. All hands grabbed the wagon with the boatmen helping they unhitched the wagon and pushed it to safety.

It was late in the fall, the wather bad and roads awful--wilderness and swamps. Not making many miles a day it was 5 weeks on the road.

Sarah Davis was a quaker and thought it very wrong to own a Negro. Nathan Farlow Davis would not eat at a table with a "nigger"

Sarah Davis died in the winter of 1866--Cold and a big snow-Her funeral was at old Back Creek Cemetery and everyone went on sleds and they hauled the body on a sled.

Sarah was a jovial woman and never angry or out of fix. She was one of the best liked women of the south. She was a good scholar & penmenship and wrote with a goose quill. Also a fine seamstress.

Sarah was small, fair complexion and nice looking woman.

Warwick Davis was a very tall square shouldered and rather cross. Never liked this part of country and wanted to go back to No. Carolina. He died in 1868 and buried at Quaker Back Creek.

Robert Dyson's Great-Great-Grandfather--Daisy (Davis) Dyson grandfather-Kelly Davis - drove a pr. of mules from North Carolina to Fairmont Twp. just before the Civil War and he had a hard time getting through the lines between the North & South. He was driven back sever times but finally got through. It took him 3 mos.

They went to camp meetings (walk if it were 3 or 4 mi.) If farther they would take the big wagon. The wagon bed was made very deep, front & back ends slanted out more then a foot and a short ladder to climb in. They sat in chairs in the wagon. Part of the girls smoked clay pipes and part used snuff. After coming to Indiana they never smoked. Boys Chewed tobacco they twisted into a roll.

Because of the hilly country they had to have brakes on wagons or chains to fasten one wheel and make it slide down hill-with one trusty man be assigned this job.

DAISY (DAVIS) DYSON
Robert Dyson's Grandmother

Daisy As A Little Girl

Daisy was the daughter of William & Mary Ellen (Wood) Davis. They lived in a log house without carpets (Madison-Grant Co's, Indiana) Daisy cut rags to be made into rugs. The log house had a living room with a spare bedroom off it that only company used. The room off kitchen had 2 double beds and 1 and half bed where the family slept.

Daisy's mother, Robert Dyson's Great-Grandmother, Mary Ellen (Wood) Davis died of T. B. when Loren Davis (Daisy's brother) was little over yr. and half old. She was in bed a long time. Then they moved from the log cabin to Kelly Davis (Daisy's grandparents) Kelly Davis had an interest in a sawmill with Ed Findey & Jesse Wright near Little Ridge.

Daisy's father, William Davis moved to Fairmont with his 2nd wife and her 2 daughters.

Daisy had to quit school at 13 yr. old when Mary Ellen died.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH & MARY ELLEN (WOOD) DAVIS
Great Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* William Alexander Smith Davis
B: Aug. 15, 1853 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Sept. 21, 1904 Grant Co. Ind.
Married: Sept. 17, 1876
to
* Mary Ellen Wood
B: Sept. 4, 1853
D: Oct. 25, 1892
Children:

1. John Franklin Davis
B: Oct. 24, 1877
D: July 1, 1955 Colorado
Married:
to
Mary Bridget (Finnigan)
B: May 10, 1888 Colorado
D: Feb. 4, 1965 Colorado
Children:

1a. Olive Margurite Davis
B: April 13, 1907 Leonard, Colo.
D:

1b. Harry Edgar Davis
B: Mar. 25, 1909 Leonard, Colo.
D:

1c. Katheryn Nelda Davis
B: June 13, 1912 Leonard, Colo.
D: July 14, 1914

1d. Leonard Owen (Robbie) Davis
B: Aug. 15, 1915 Placerville, Colo.
D:

* 2. Daisy Belle Davis
B: Mar. 5, 1879 Grant Co. Ind.
D: June 12, 1972 Wabash Co. Ind. (Burial in Park Cemetery Fairmount, Ind.)
Married: Mar. 24, 1900
to
* Charles Francis Dyson
B: Sept. 16, 1874 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 29, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

* 2a. Floyd Lorrine Dyson
B: Mar. 18, 1901 Madison Co. Ind.
D: April 18, 1979 Wabash Co. Ind.

2b. Florence Ellen Dyson
B: July 27, 1902 Madison Co. Ind.
D:

2c. Russell Dyson
B: 1904 Madison Co. Ind.
D: 1904 Madison Co. Ind.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH & MARY ELLEN (WOOD) DAVIS (CON'T)
Great Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Children of Daisy Belle & Charles Dyson (con't)

2d. Lester Richard Dyson
B: Feb. 15, 1905 Madison Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 16, 1981 Huntington Co. Ind.

2e. Velma Martha Dyson
B: Nov. 8, 1906 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

2f. Ruth Alice Dyson
B: Aug. 2, 1913 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

3. Jasper Davis
B: Sept. 6, 1881
D: Dec. 20, 1953
Married:
to
Ella May Eaton
B: Mar. 1883
D: Sept. 4, 1952
Children:

3a. Leslie Arthur Davis
B: July 7, 195
D:

3b. Irene Davis
B: Jan. 3, 1907
D: Feb. 3, 1907

3c. Wilma Davis
B: May 5, 1912
D: July 1912

4d. Estel Lee (Enoch) Davis
B: Sept. 4, 1915
D:

Jasper & Ella Davis had 3 babies stillborn.

4. Elizabeth Jane Davis
B: May 7, 1884 Grant Co. Ind.
D: May 24, 1981 Madison Co. Ind.
Married: Feb. 26, 1903
to
Everett Estel Clock
B: April 8, 1882 Madison Co. Ind.
D: June 29, 1960 Delaware Co. Ind.
Children:

4a. Edna Marie Clock
B: Mar. 17, 1905
D:

4b. Orpha Ellen Clock
B: Sept. 21, 1906
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH & MARY ELLEN (WOOD) DAVIS (CON'T)
Great Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Children of Elizabeth and Everett Clock (Con't)

4c. Jasper Russell Clock
B: April 3, 1908
D:

4d. Lova Edith Clock
B: Feb. 8, 1912
D:

4e. Barton Estel Clock
B: Aug. 20, 1916
D:

4f. Willis Leonard Clock
B: Nov. 26, 1920
D:

5. Joseph Worth Davis
B: Feb. 18, 1886
D: June 8, 1976
Married: July 23, 1904
to
Mary Elizabeth Cranfill
B: Oct. 17, 1885
D: Jan. 27, 1979
Children:

5a. Herbert Leon Davis
B: Sept. 10, 1905
D: Nov. 21, 1958

5b. Zula Irene Davis
B: July 30, 1907
D:

5c. Helen Lorene Davis
B: Jan. 14, 1912
D:

5d. Laurence Merle Davis
B: Feb. 15, 1915
D:

5e. Dora Marie Davis
B: Feb. 6, 1918
D:

6. Blanchard A. Davis
B: Oct. 26, 1887
D: 1964
Married:
to
Mary Ellen Kimes
B: July 3, 1888
D: July 8, 1984

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH & MARY ELLEN (WOOD) DAVIS (CON'T)
Great Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Children of Blanchard & Mary Ellen Davis

6a. Francis Medolla Davis
B: Aug. 13, 1908
D:

6b. Elexis E. Davis
B: Oct. 19, 1910
D:

7. Mary Lucy Davis
B: Sept. 19, 1889
D: June 9, 1983
Married: Dec. 22, 1906
to
Leslie Stansberry
B: Aug. 7, 1883
D: April 24, 1969
Children:

7a. Geneva Stansberry
B: Mar. 9, 1909
D:
(Geneva married Earl Dyson)

7b. Uvah Lorrine Stansberry
B: Sept. 13, 1911
D:

7c. Lillian Stansberry
B: Jan. 27, 1913
D:

7d. Delbert Eugene Stansberry
B: Nov. 12, 1922
D:

8. Charles Loren Davis
B: Sept. 15, 1891
D: Feb. 2, 1983
Married: April 1, 1911
to
Blanche Agnes Putnam
B: Mar. 11, 1895
D: July 25, 1969
Children:

8a. Ellen Eldora Davis
B: April 6, 1912
D:

8b. Roland Wilfred Davis
B: Nov. 11, 1913
D:

8c. Herman A. Davis
B: Nov. 12, 1922 Hubbard, Ind.
D:

MARY ELLEN WOOD

B: Sept. 4, 1853
D: Oct. 25, 1892

Floyd Dyson's grandmother on his mother's side
Robert Dyson's Gr-Grandmother

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JASPER ALLEN & ANNA ELIZABETH (FARLOW) EADS
Great Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* Jasper Allen Eads
B: Feb. 17, 1873 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: March 19, 1938 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Sept. 14, 1876
to
* Anna Elizabeth Farlow
B: Feb. 4, 1858
D: June 18, 1939
Children:

* 1. John William Eads
B: Aug. 8, 1882 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Sept. 7, 1953 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Oct. 12, 1901
to
* Lizzie Emma Porter
B: Sept. 9, 1882 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Aug. 1, 1913 Wabash, Co. Ind. (Burial in Center Grove Cemetery, Lincolnville, Ind.)
Children:

* 1a. Mildred Florence Eads
B: May 24, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: April 15, 1985 Wabash Co. Ind.

1b. Myrtle May Eads
B: April 20, 1904 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Feb. 14, 1924 Wabash Co. Ind.

1c. Porter Allen Eads
B: Jan. 17, 1906 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: July 22, 1909 Wabash Co. Ind.

1d. John William Burkett Eads
B: April 17, 1909 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 12, 1989

1e. Clarence Stewart Eads
B: June 26, 1911 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 25, 1912 Wabash Co. Ind.

* John William Eads
2nd marriage: Aug. 8, 1914 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
Londus Miller
B: April 20, 1893
D: Aug. 6, 1929 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

1a. Sarah Elizabeth Eads
B: July 1, 1915 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 1976 Wabash Co. Ind.

1b. James Cecil Eads
B: Nov. 27, 1916 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

1c. Miller Robert Eads
B: June 3, 1920 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JASPER ALLEN & ANNA ELIZABETH (FARLOW) EADS (CON"T)

Great Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Children of John W. Ead's 2nd marriage (con't)

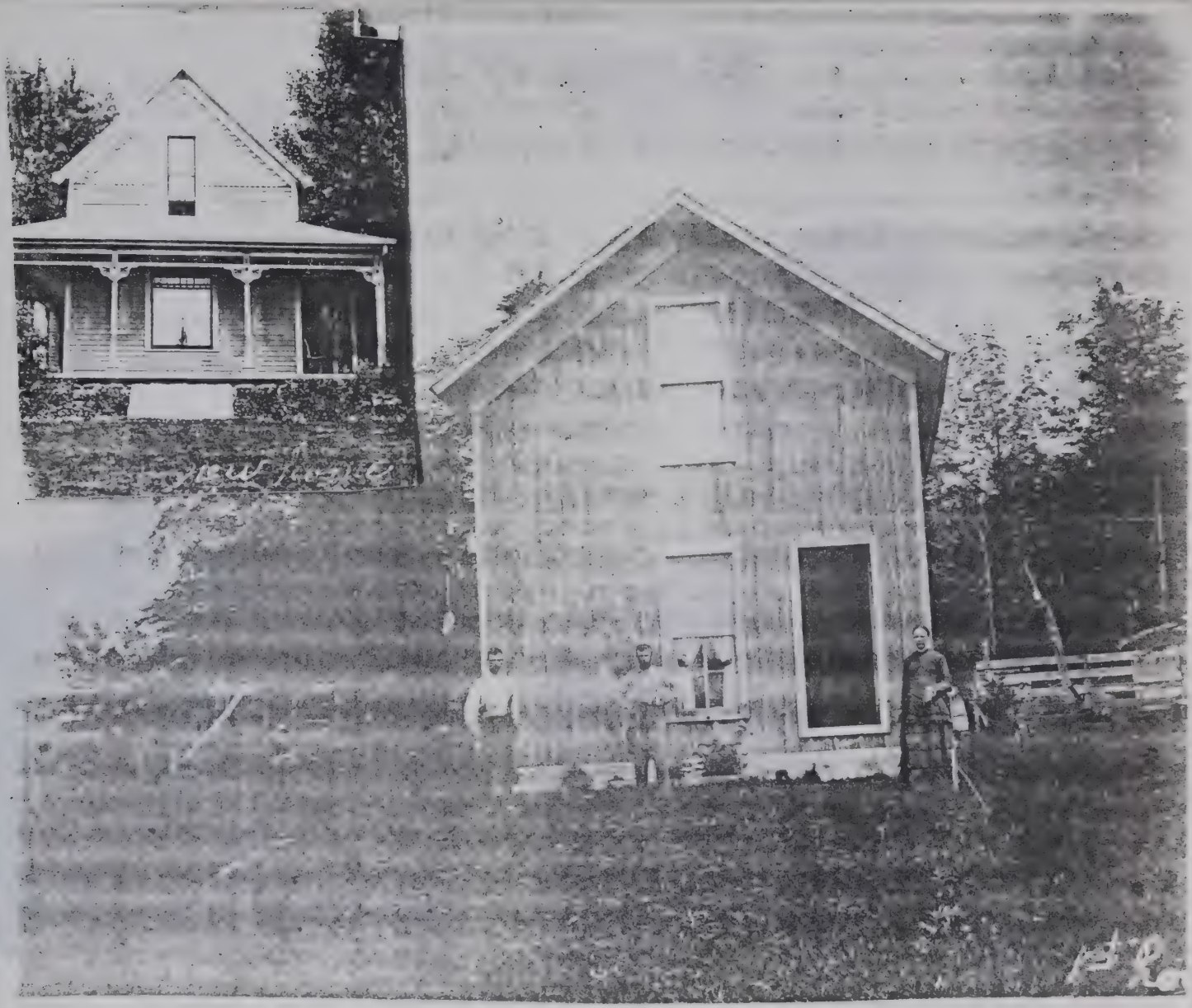
1d. Jack Eugene Eads
B: Dec. 3, 1925 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:

Londus had a daughter--
Viola Josphine Orr
B: Oct. 9, 1912
D:

* John W. Ead's 3rd marriage: April 19, 1933
to
Ruth Miller
B: April 19, 1905
D: Nov. 24, 1986 Wabash Co. Ind.

2. Rosa Pearl Eads
B: April 23, 1887 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 20, 1968 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: April 14, 1909
to
Evert Herron
B: April 27, 1884
D: May 1969 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

2a. Howard Wilson Herron
B: April 19, 1912 Wabash Co. Ind.
D:



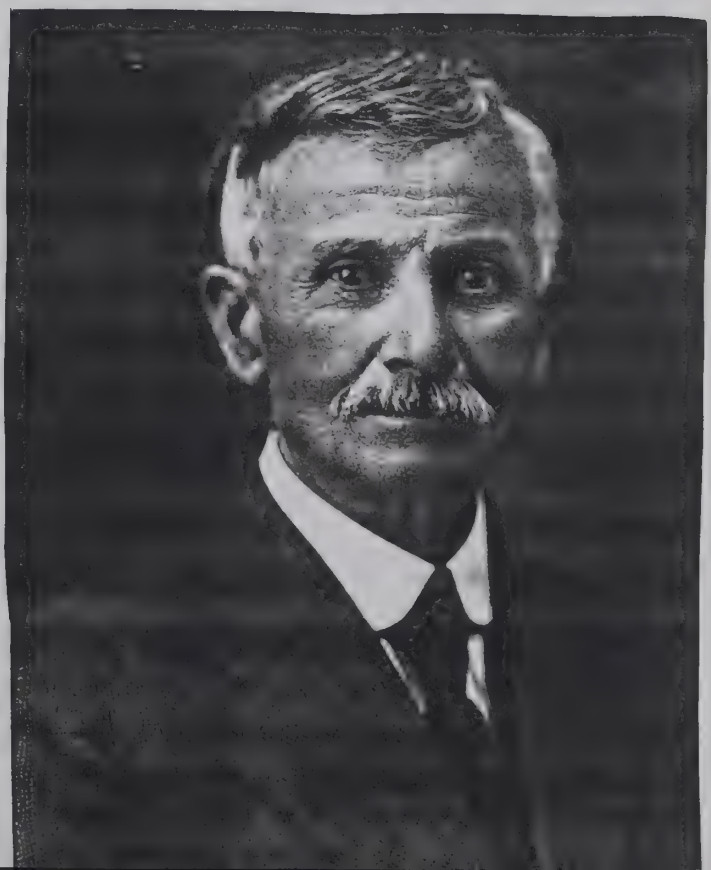
Jasper & Anna (Farlow) Eads house on Dora Rd, Wabash Co.

4 generations--- 1903
Charlotte (Sparks) Farlow, Mildred (Eads) Dyson, Anna (Farlow) Eads and John W. Eads

JASPER & ANNA (FARLOW) EADS

Anna Eads
B: Feb. 4, 1858
D: June 18, 1939

Jasper Eads
B: Feb. 17, 1853
D: Mar. 19, 1938



CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF
CHRISTOPHER BURNWORTH & MARY ANN (GELLERS) PORTER
Great Grandfather of Robert Dyson

* Christopher Burnworth Porter
B: Dec. 26, 1844 Ohio
D: July 25, 1912 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 18, 1866
to
Mary Ann Gellers
B: 1846
D: 1869
Children:
1 son--mother & son died at child birth.

* Christopher Burnworth Porter
2nd marriage: July 29, 1876
to
* Mary Eliza Morris (Gr. Grandmother to Robert Dyson)
B: Mar. 17, 1852
D: Aug. 1887
Children:

1. Susan Porter
B: 1877
D: In Infancy

2. Anna A. Porter (Was a Preacher of a Quaker Friends Church at Eugene, Oregon)
B: Oct. 28, 1878
D: Jan. 2, 1911
Married:
to
Delbert Harden
B:
D:
Children:
2a. Mary Harden
B:
D:
2b. Paul Harden
B:
D:

3. John Porter
B: Sept. 9, 1880
D: 1910

* 4. Lizzie E. Porter
B: Sept. 9, 1882 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Aug. 1, 1913 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Oct. 12, 1901
to
* John W. Eads
B: Aug. 8, 1882 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Sept. 7, 1953 Wabash Co. Ind.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF CHRISTOPHER BURNWORTH & MARY ANN (MORRIS) PORTER (CON'T)
Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Children of Lizzie (Porter) & John W. Eads

* 4a. Mildred Florence Eads
B: May 24, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: April 15, 1985 Wabash Co. Ind.

4b. Myrtle May Eads
B: April 20, 1904 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Feb. 14, 1924 Wabash Co. Ind.

4c. Porter Allen Eads
B: Jan. 17, 1906 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: July 22, 1909 Wabash Co. Ind.

4d. John William Burkett Eads
B: April 17, 1909 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 12, 1989

4e. Clarence Stewart Eads
B: June 26, 1911 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 25, 1912 Wabash Co. Ind.

5. Florence Porter
B: Aug. 17, 1884
D: June 8, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.

6. Clara Porter
B: 1886
D: In Infancy

* Christopher Burnworth Porter
3rd. marriage: 1890
to
Mary Jane Hollowell
B:
D: 1922

Chris B. Porter
B: Dec. 26, 1844
D: July 25, 1912

Mary Eliza Morris
B: Mar. 17, 1852
D: Aug. 1887

Gr-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

WEDDING OF MR. JOHN EADS & MISS LIZZIE PORTER

Oct. 12, 1901

A pretty wedding was held at noon on Sunday last at the hospitable home of Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Porter at Lincolnville.

The event was the celebration of the nuptials of Mr. John W. Eads, a prosperous young farmer and land owner, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Eads southeast of the city and Miss Lizzie, the charming daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Porter.

About forty guests were present at the ceremony, which was of a simple, though impressive nature, and performed by Rev. Mr. Utsler, of the United Brethern church at Hartford City, Ind.

After the happy hearts had been united the friends crowded around to extend their congratulations, and later a great dinner was served to the assembled guests. Mary handsome and costly presents were bestowed upon the wedded pair.

Among those from out of Lincolnville, who attended the ceremony were Brad Ammon and Mr. & Mrs. George Unger of Marion.

All of the classmates of the fair bride in the Lincolnville schools in 1900 were present. Including Misses Edna White, Shirley Harden, Nellie Sanderson, Letha Jackson, Ophal Jennings and Lillie Holloway, and Messrs. Fred Harvey, Luther Coomler, Allen Swaney, and George Watson of Lafontaine.

Mr. & Mrs. Eads will be at home to friends, on the Walmsley Farm, which Mr. Eads has just purchased, after Nov. 25.

Mary Jane (Holloway) Porter
(on chair) Ella Florence Porter
Lizzie E. Porter
Anna A. Porter
John L. Porter
Christopher B. Porter
(photographed about 1890)

C. B. PORTER - AN EARLY SETTLER

Christopher B. Porter, an early settler of Huntington Co. and the son of Archabald & Annie Burnsworth Porter was born in Gurnsey Co., Ohio.

His father died while the children were all young. The widowed mother with her children came to Ind. when Christopher was 14 yrs. old. (about 1856) She settled in Huntington Co. near two of her brothers where she reared her family.

Christopher was converted and joined the Friends Church while yet a young man. When the civil war broke out he inlisted in the army in 1881 and served as a faithful soldier for over 5 yrs. After the war he served as Sec. of the thirty fourth Ind. Volunteers in Co. G.

He was married to Mary Ann Gellers Nov. 18, 1866. To this union was born 1 son, who died in infancy. The mother died on July 12, 1875.

Mr. Porter was married to Mary Eliza Morris July 29, 1876. To this union was born 6 children. Mary Eliza died Aug. 22, 1884. In April 1890 Mr. Porter was married to Mary Jane Hollowell.

In his early married life Mr. Porter lived in the vicinity of Union Chapel, north of Marion. Later he lived in the vicinity of Bethel, south of Marion for a number of years then in Marion, then in Lincolnville.

CHRISTOPHER B. PORTER
B: Dec. 26, 1842
D: July 25, 1911

This is a copy of a fragile letter found in papers of Mildred Dyson

This letter was to Mary Morse from Chris B. Porter before their marriage. Was hand written.

At home 4th day evening 5th month 24-1876

My Dear Mary,
According to promise I will now attempt to converse with thee for a short time. Through the medium of the pen which I confess is not quite so interesting as to be privileged to set face to face and talk verbally but as the latter is out of the question at this time I can say the former is very agreeable to my feelings I am well, at this time also all the rest of our folks are well and I do sincerely hope these lines will reach and find thee also well and enjoying thy self as well as circumstance will admit of. I can inform thee that very early 2nd day morning I called for my mail and among the rest was a letter from Shadesville and not withstanding I had been up there since the letter was written. I read it with interest and reread it and I must say it was a very welcome letter and although it was not a very long letter as thee said it was none the less interesting. I will not complain of the length of the letters all I ask is that thee write just as often as thee can find time though it be ever so short a letter it will be very anxiously read and answer with pleasure for I can say truthfully that I have never as yet in my life had a correspondent that I was as much interested in as this one. Thee may think that is saying a good deal and so it is, but it is the truth if I ever told it. I can say that I never left any acquaintance or even near and dear relatives that I did so reluctantly leave thee last 1st day evening at Issac Carter's I do not know weather thee noticed it or not. I did all in my power to conceal my feelings but after I turned my face homeward and as the distance between us was widen I thought more of the matter and I confess I shed tears. I met Issac Shugarts folks below the toll gate and talked a few moments then I rode on without interruption till I reached E.M Harris there I stopped a few moments just on the pike it was there threatening rain and they wanted me to stay all night but since I had left my friend in Liberty and started for home I concluded to go on if I did get wet but I regret very much before I reached Marion that I was back at Carters I would stay another night anyway but I do not think it would have changed my feelings any especially when I got to the time to say farewell but I comfort myself with this thought that I am not forgotten though there is some 16 miles distance between us, I am certain of one thing and that is that I have not forgotten thee scarcely an hr. has passed but I have thought of thee more or less and even my dreams have been concerning thee, and while this is my condition I feel as through I am not the only one that is thus troubled with such things on their minds. I want to say this just remain steadfast and I feel in hopes that these separations here for these short seasons may be that I might rest assured that I was not forgotten by any means This cheers my very soul for when I think I am held in remembrance by the one who I can say truthfully is the ideal earthly affections it stimulates me with courage to press on through all the troubles and difficulties which we as a people are addicted to. I think I have my share of this worlds trials and trouble though perhaps not more then I deserve but I shall endeavor to endure all and I wish to encourage thee to a faithfullness in every respect in the things pertaining our enjoyments here temporary

and also be faithful to all things spiritually. Thee knows well that I remember thee at a thorn of grace that thee may be always found faithful in the discharge of all known duties. I have read the 39th psalm and now our folks are all gone to bed it is just now 9 o' clock and I am to go to Marion tomorrow so I must finish this letter tonight. I reached my home on 1st day night at 20 mins. past 9 o' clock and strip my clothing off as I had got quite damp. It having rained on me almost the way from town home. I did not scarcely get straight in bed till I was asleep. I helped my neighbor plant his corn on 2nd day then yesterday I went to a barn raising and today I helped another neighbor plant corn. Oh, yes, at the raising yesterday I was wished much joy it was reported I was married on 1st day as I was seen go in the courthouse late 7th day evening. I was not followed in there but the suspicion was I got the paper and then went on up to Bethel and had the ceremony performed on 1st day but this must be a mistake for I surely would have knew something about this matter for it is my calculation to be there when that takes place as I traveled home first day night I thought every miles or so by this time Mary Eliza is in bed asleep and once or twice I very nearly went to sleep riding along. I almost took my folks on surprise when they waked up 2nd day morning and saw my clothing on the chair for they had lengthened my time out till noon or perhaps later then that and I think I shall take more time after this. It is most too hard a trip to ride 16 mi. on 7th day even. then loose sleep that night then attend school and meeting I take a ride in carriage there. Start at 6 o'clock for a trip of 16 mi. again all in one day and night. I am aiming to try the first day afternoon plan some of these times but not this time of quarterly meetings. I have not seen my friend Bradford yet but I understand he is going to town soon then I will try and get him to get a picture taken and sent up to Bethel but I think he will attend N.Q. M. with me if health will admit of it. As there is nothing of importance taken place since I saw thee I have nothing much to write at this time but I think by one week or such a matter then I will feel more like writing thee a long letter hoping thee will answer this at thy earliest convenience. I close by say thae good care of tht self at all times. Will remember at all time of prayer and give my best respect to folks and I. N. Carters also for I have not forgot his new buggy yet. Write soon and all the particulars and I will promise to do better next time. I remain as ever, My true friend and well wisher

Mary Elize Morse
Shadesville, Ind.

Chris B. Porter
Marion, Ind.
Box 83 Grant Co.

P. S. As it is getting quite late I shall not look over this letter if this finds any mistakes in writing or spelling or even any expression that thee thinks is too strong please excuse it for it is done unintentionally.

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CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF AARON & TABITHA (HOWEY) WATSON
Great-Grandparents of Patricia (Watson) Dyson

** Aaron Watson
B: June 3, 1848 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: July 5, 1913 Dekalb Co. Ind.
Married: Sept. 24, 1871 Allen Co. Ind.
to
** Tabitha D. Howey
B: Nov. 11, 1852
D: Jan. 6, 1922 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Children:

1. Mary Jane Watson
B: Sept. 18, 1872 Allen Co. Ind.
D: July 26, 1925 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Married: July 22, 1900
to
Harvey Haines
B: June 1, 1870
D: Feb. 25, 1901 DeKalb Co. Ind. (Railroad accident)
Mary Jane's 2nd marriage: Mar. 28, 1905 DeKalb Co. Ind.
to
Phillip Steffen
B: Sept. 14, 1885
D: July 18, 1947
Children:

1a. Ralph Aaron Steffen
B: Jan. 2, 1910 Dekalb Co. Ind.
D:

2a. Chester Louis Steffen
B: Nov. 27, 1916 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:

Phillip Steffen's 2nd marriage: Jan. 2, 1926 to
Wilda Alice (Carlyle) Lambert - ended in divorce.

** 2. Willard Aaron Watson
B: Oct. 1878 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 27, 1919 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Married: Sept 2, 1903 Allen Co. Ind.
to
** Dora Pearl Firgusson
B: June 20, 1882
D: July 26, 1918 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Children:

** 2a. Elroy Watson (Zerns) Watson
B: April 4, 1911 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:

2b. Irvin John Watson (Hilkert)
B: Aug. 26, 1912 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: Apr. 13, 1983 New Port Richie, Fla. Burial in Allen Co. Ind.

2c. Nellie Pauline Watson (Johnston)
B: Nov. 16, 1914 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:

2d. Annabelle Watson (Boone)
B: July 5, 1918 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF AARON & TABITHA (HOWEY) WATSON (CON'T)
Great-Grandparents of Patricia (Watson) Dyson

3. Artie Mae Watson
B: Oct. 1882 DeKalb Co. Ind./
D: Aug. 26, 1903 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 14, 1901
to
Henry Osbun (he was a blacksmith)
B:
D:

WATSON FAMILY

Aaron Watson
B: June 3, 1848
D. July 5, 1913

Tabitha (Howey) Watson
B: Nov. 11, 1852
D: Jan. 6, 1922

Mary Jane Watson
B: Sept. 18, 1872
D: July 26, 1925

Willard Watson
B: Oct. 1878
D: Oct. 27, 1919

Artie May Watson
Oct. 1882
Aug. 26, 1903

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN & MARGARET (GALL) FIRGUSSON
Great-Grandparents of Patricia (Watson) Dyson

** John Firgusson
B: June 20, 1860 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 13, 1920 Allen Co. Ind.
Married: July 24, 1879 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
to (in Ft. Wayne since 1885)
** Margaret Gall
B: Sept. 27, 1857 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
D: Feb. 1, 1932 Allen Co. Ind. (Lindenwood Cemetery)
Children:

** 1. Dora Pearl Firgusson
B: June 20, 1880 Kosciusko Co. Ind.
D: July 26, 1918 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Married: Sept. 2, 1903 Allen Co. Ind.
to
** Willard A. Watson
B: Oct. 1887 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 27, 1919 DeKalb Co. Ind.
Children:

** 1a. Elroy Watson
B: April 4, 1911 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Dec. 8, 1934 Wells Co. Ind.
to
** Vera Bender
B: Jan. 18, 1911 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

1b. Irvin John Watson Hilkert
B: Aug. 26, 1912 DeKalb Co.
D: April 13, 1983 Fla. Burial: Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Married: 1935 Allen Co. Ind.
to
Louella DePew
B:
D:
Irvin & Louella divorced: about 1945
Irvin's 2nd marriage: June 30, 1946 Allen Co. Ind.
to
Harriet Ann Syson
B: Feb. 7, 1914
D:

1c. Nellie Pauline Watson Johnston
B: Nov. 16, 1914 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: May 2, 1937 Wells Co. Ind.
to
Waldo Krinn
B: June 26, 1914 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

1d. Annabelle Watson Boone
B: July 5, 1918 DeKalb Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Jan. 31, 1938 Whitley Co. Ind.
to

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN & MARGARET (GALL) FIRGUSSON (CON'T)
Great-Grandparents of Patricia (Watson) Dyson

Annabelle con't -

Married to
Paul Forest Dunlap
B: Mar. 18, 1918 Allen Co. Ind.
D:

2. Ida M. Firgusson
B: Feb. 16, 1882 Koscuisko Co. Ind.
D: 1932 Allen Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 23, 1911 Allen Co. Ind.
to
Anthony Lindeman
B:
D:
Children:
2a. Roland Lindeman
B: 1914
D:
Waneta Lindeman
B: 1920
D:

3. Katherine A. Firgusson
B: Jan 19, 1887 Koscuisko Co. Ind.
D: Feb. 23, 1962 Allen Co. Ind. (Lindenwood Cemetery)
Married: June 1, 1907 Allen Co. Ind.
to
John F. Barnhart
B: Feb. 19, 1884
D: April 16, 1957 Allen Co. Ind. (Lindenwood Cemetery)
Children:
3a. Dorothy Barnhart
B: 6, 1914
D: April 19, 1981
3b. Viola Barnhart
B: Aug. 14, 1909
D: Mar. 6, 1981

4. Clara B. Firgusson
B: Nov. 25, 1892 Koscuisko Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 31, 1965 Allen Co. Ind.
Married: June 12, 1913 Allen Co. Ind.
to
Arthur L. Blomback
B: Aug. 30, 1886
D:
Children:

FIRGUSSON FAMILY

Ida M. Firgusson
B: Feb. 16, 1882
D:

Dora Pearl Firgusson
B: June 20, 1880
D: July 26, 1918

Katherine A. Firgusson
B: Jan. 19, 1887
D: Feb. 23, 1962

Clara B. Firgusson
B: Nov. 25, 1892
D:

John Firgusson
B: June 20, 1860
D: Dec. 13, 1920

Margaret (Gall) Firgusson
B: Sept. 27, 1857
D: Feb. 1, 1932

FIRGUSSON
JOHN & MARGARET

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JONATHAN & AMANDA (STAVER) BENDER
Great-Grandparents of Patricia Dyson

** Jonathan (Jonas) Bender
B: Oct. 21, 1854 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 31, 1915 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Aug. 12, 1877 Wells Co. Ind.
to
** Amanda Evelyn Staver
B: April 10, 1859 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 18, 1942 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:

1. Bessie Bender
B: June 2, 1878 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 1972 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Jan. 15, 1875 Wells Co.
to
Frank Haflich
B: Feb. 1875 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 1956 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:
1a. Vaughn L. Haflich
B: Jan. 17, 1900 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Feb. 1982 Wells Co. Ind.
1b. O. D. Haflich
B: Nov. 26, 1903 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

2. Advanti Bender
B: 1880
D: 1882

3. Lawrence L. Bender
B: Nov. 21, 1883 Wells Co. Ind.
D: April 20, 1981 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 22, 1903 Wells Co. Ind.
to
Lizzie Reiff
B: June 9, 1885
D: Jan. 1, 1951 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:
3a. (Female)
B: Aug. 10, 1904 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Aug. 10, 1904 Wells Co. Ind.
3b. (Female)
B: July 10, 1905 Wells Co. Ind.
D: July 19, 1905 Wells Co. Ind.
3c. Georgianna Bender
B: Feb. 22, 1908 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
3d. Paul LeRoy Bender
B: May. 5, 1918 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JONATHAN & AMANDA (STAVER) BENDER (CON'T)
Great-Grandparents of Patricia Dyson

** 4. Vergie O. Bender
B: Nov. 6, 1885 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 5, 1975 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 24, 1906 Wells Co. Ind.
to
** Jennie M. Christman
B: July 27, 1886 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 19, 1955, Wells Co. Ind.
Children:

4a. Verl C. Bender
B: Jan 6, 1908 Wells Co. Ind.
D: June 30, 1976 Whitley Co. Ind.

** 4b. Vera Bender
B: Jan. 18, 1911 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

4c. Marjorie Bender
B: Dec. 22, 1912 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

4d. Maryalis Bender
B: Jan. 11, 1914 Wells Co. Ind.

5. Valley Bender
B: June 23, 1888 Wells Co. Ind.
D:
Married: Feb. 25, 1909
to
Rea A. Renwick
B: Sept. 24, 1880
D: Dec. 23, 1960
Children:

5a. Mildred Renwick
B: 1910 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

5b. Velma Renwick
B: Feb. 29, 1912 St. Joseph Co. Mich.
D:

6. Lilah Bender
B: Nov. 3, 1891 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Dec. 20, 1979 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 3, 1909 Wells Co. Ind.
to
Galen Gray
B: Feb. 23, 1886 Lathrup, Mo.
D: Sept. 25, 1956 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:

6a. Herman L. Gray
B: Sept. 16, 1910 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

6b. Eunice Gray
B: Oct. 6, 1912 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JONATHAN & AMANDA (STAVER) BENDER(CON'T)
Great-Grandparents of Patricia Dyson

Children of Lilah & Galen Gray (con't)

6c. Harriet Gray
B: May 6, 1913 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

7. Winnifred Iona Bender
B: Aug. 21, 1894 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Feb. 8, 1983 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Mar. 28, 1914
to
John Graham
B: June 2, 1893 Wells Co. Ind.
D: July 7, 1960 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:
7a. Agnes Graham
B: Nov. 17, 1914 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Aug. 20, 1979 Wells Co. Ind.
7b. Thomas Graham
B: April 30, 1917 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

8. Cario Bender
B: Dec. 26, 1898 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 23, 1966 (buried Fairview Cem)
(never married)

JONATHAN & AMANDA (STAVER) BENDER
Patricia (Watson) Dyson's Great-Grandparents

Amanda E. (Staver) Bender
B: Apr. 10, 1859
D: Dec. 14, 1942

Jonathan Bender
B: Oct. 21, 1854
D: May 31, 1915

BENDERS

JONATHAN BENDER'S HARDWARE
L. L. Bender, Lewis Reiff & owner of ice cream store nearbv.
1915 Yoder, Indiana

Amanda (Staver) Bender
wife of Jonathan Bender
mother of V. O. Bender

V. O. Bender

JONATHAN BENDER DAIRY FARM
West of Bluffton, Ind.

Winnie & Lilah
Jonathan holding Cairo
Vergie
Valley & Amanda (Staver) in buggy

JONATHAN BENDER CHILDREN

(Then and now)

Winnie I.
Bessie
Valley
Lilah

Winnie
Lilah
Valley
Virgie O.
Lawrence L.
Bessie

Article-Dec. 5, 1978
Lawrence L. Bender
Born: Nov. 21, 1883

Stopping By

Bender Lit Up the Dark

BLUFFTON — L.L. Bender — around here, he's the man who brought light to the farm.

He has an impish smile and it betrays the bright spirit under his hobbled gait and worn blue trousers. His eyeglasses rest comfortably upon a prominent nose. And the jet black hair he had back when he was lighting farms now is snow white.

The 95-year-old Bender owns and keeps the plumbing supply store known as L.L. Bender & Co. on West Market Street in downtown Bluffton. He picked it up in 1913, back in the days when it was a bike shop.

"That was funny. Back in them days there wasn't that many bikes, but there was four shops in town — fixin' spokes and stuff. Now, there's hundreds more bikes and not a bike shop in town.

"Ya know why?" he said. "I'll tell ya why. They just throw 'em in the junk. See, they buy new."

Times have changed, for sure, and L.L. Bender was a key part of the change around here.

"Oh, we bought in this place and was in the bicycle business until 1916 and then we went into Farmers' Light. Delco, they made this farm lighting plant."

Now the farm lighting plant, for those who didn't know, was a sort of small electric generator and storage system that preceeded the various REMCs that dot the countryside these days.

The Delco plants Bender sold had a little (500 pound) generator that ran off kerosene (8¢ per gallon), a flywheel and 16 glass jar batteries.

"Boy we sold a pile of those," he said. "I sold 35 of them in 30 days."

An old advertisement reads: "Delco-Light on the Farm. There are more than 70,000 such installations throughout the world."They ushered in a new era on the farm.

"Country people had electricity and then, of course, they wanted appliances." As an aside, Bender noted "at that time we didn't have the competition we have now..."

To satisfy his customers' thirst for the new convenience items, Bender started moving in the electric sweepers, automatic water pumps, corn shellers, cream separators ("You know, at that time people separated their cream from their milk.") — not to mention the first electric washing machine sold in Bluffton, a made-in-Fort Wayne "Horton."

Sitting in a wicker chair next to the counter, Bender is surrounded by fan belts, and fans hung on hooks, shelves of odd sized boxes, fuses, pipe sleeves and spools of wire.

"Another thing we got," he said, "is corks. We got all sizes — real small," and he produced a cork no bigger than an ant. "We got all sizes."

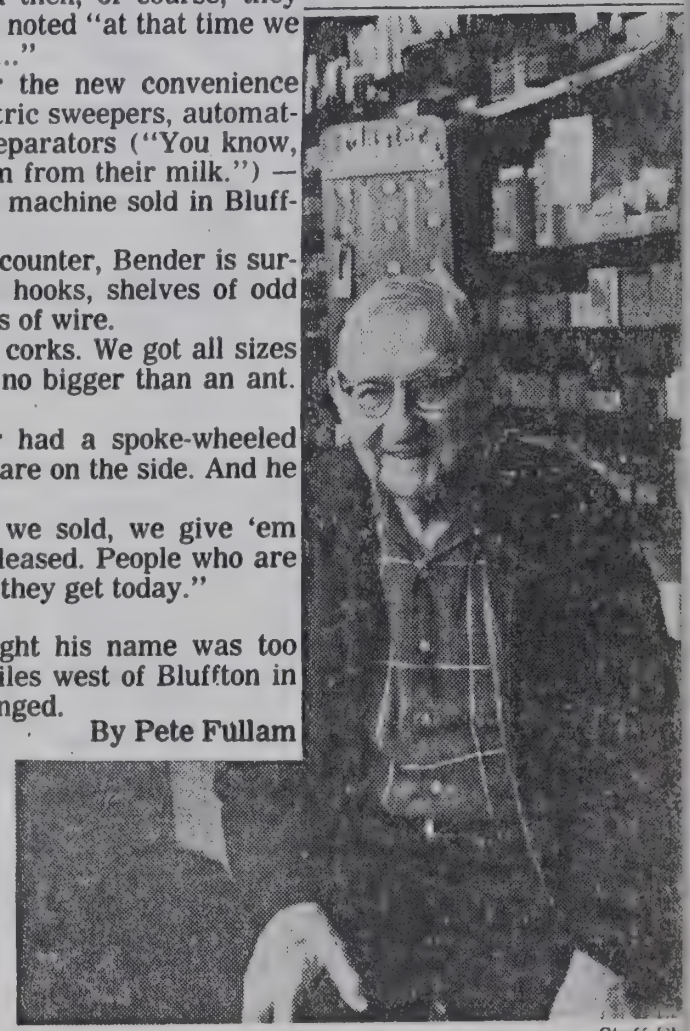
Of course, in the old days, Bender had a spoke-wheeled panel truck that said L.L. Bender Hardware on the side. And he serviced his appliances.

"That's one thing. Everything that we sold, we give 'em service. Good service and people were pleased. People who are living tell us they got better service than they get today."

"Now, they don't care."

L.L., Lawrence Leroy, always thought his name was too long. He was born in a log house two miles west of Bluffton in 1883. And he can tell you, times have changed.

By Pete Fullam



Staff Ph

Nov 30, 1973

Patricia (Watson) Dyson's Great Uncle

Active Since 1914; Quits Driving

Lawrence Bender Is Oldest Bluffton Businessman - - 90

In an era when the accepted retirement norm of age 65 is being pushed ahead to 60 or even 55, Lawrence L. Bender, Bluffton businessman for most of a span since 1914, is defying the statistics.

On Nov. 21, the day before Thanksgiving, he reached a still youthful 90 years of age. He celebrated, of course, by coming to work and operating his plumbing and electrical supply business here about like usual.

In addition to being Bluffton's oldest active businessman, Bender may hold some kind of mark for "stability."

Original Location

His store today is in the same 224 West Market St. location that it occupied back in 1914, the same year, incidentally, that World War I began.

Actually Bender has not been in that site continuously over the 59 years since he started.

He was there from 1914 until 1928, when he discontinued the business to work a few years for the Delco-Lite Division, a General Motors subsidiary.

The late Dwight Fritz took over the 224 West Market St. location then for the business now known as Fritz Electric Co. Inc. and operated presently at 203 West Market St. by Robert and William Fritz, sons of Dwight.

Bender resumed business on the Marion and Market St. corner. Ultimately in 1947 he regained the 224 business room, utilizing it since that time.

His son, Paul, was with him in the operation and management through most of this period since returning to the original location.

However, a few years ago, Paul Bender joined Wells Community Hospital and became its administrator.

They talked of selling the store at the time but the veteran founder kept it going and still does, although admittedly at a more relaxed pace.

About a year ago Lawrence Bender's driver's license was due to expire and he decided not to renew.

Traffic Too Fast

His conclusion, said the son, was that traffic nowadays was moving too fast for him and he felt like he was holding up other motorists.

Reflecting on today's energy crisis and the need for all to reduce driving speeds, one could surmise that Bender would be in line for a comeback.

Meanwhile, however, a daughter, Miss Georgiana Bender, with whom he resides drives him to his store daily. He walks to the Snug Restaurant, where frequently he enjoys his favorite cooked cereal with a dip of ice cream.

Son Paul related that his father is in apparent good health and gave no disclosures about intentions of retirement at a mere 90 years of age.

(pictured below)
Winnie Graham
B: Aug. 21, 1894
D: Feb. 8, 1983

Lilah Gray
B: Nov. 3, 1891
D: Dec. 20, 1979

Valley Renwick
B: June 23, 1888
D:

V. O. Bender
B: Nov. 6, 1885
D: May 5, 1975

L. L. Bender
B: Nov. 21, 1883
D: Apr. 20, 1981

Advanti, Bessie & Cario
deceased

This CERTIFIES that

George F. Christman and M. Alice Masterson

were united by me in the

Holy Bonds of Matrimony

At Murray on the 2nd day of

October in the year of our Lord 1883

In Presence of

Ida Markley

Signed.

Rev J. J. Markley

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WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER.—MATT. XIX, 6.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF GEORGE F. & MARYALIS (MASTERSON) CHRISTMAN
Gr-Grandparents of Patricia (Watson) Dyson

** George F. Christman
B: Mar. 26, 1862 Wells Co. Ind.
D: June 26, 1942 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Oct. 3, 1883 Wells Co. Ind.
to
** Maryalis Masterson
B: Feb. 28, 1863 Wells Co. Ind.
D: June 3, 1933 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:

1. Maude Catharine Christman
B: Aug. 23, 1884 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 13, 1958 Wells Co. Ind.

** 2. Jennie Maria Christman
B: July 27, 1886 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 19, 1955 Wells Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 24, 1906 Wells Co. Ind.
to
** Virgie O. Bender
B: Nov. 6, 1885 Wells Co. Ind.
D: May 5, 1975 Wells Co. Ind.
Children:

2a. Verl C. Bender
B: Jan. 6, 1908 Wells Co. Ind.
D: June 30, 1976 Whitley Co. Ind.

** 2b. Vera Bender
B: Jan 18, 1911 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

2c. Marjorie Bender
B: Dec. 22, 1912 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

2d. Maryalis Bender
B: Jan. 11, 1914 Wells Co. Ind.
D:

3. Hazel Dell Christman
B: May 10, 1888 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Aug. 23, 1966 Wells Co. Ind.

4. Morna Lucile Christman
B: Jan. 8, 1891 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 9, 1896 Wells Co. Ind.

5. Chloe Bernice Christman
B: Feb. 17, 1893 Wells Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 7, 1946 Wells Co. Ind.

Maryalis (Masterson)
B: Feb. 28, 1863
D: June 3, 1933

Married Oct. 3, 1883

George F. Christman
B: Mar. 26, 1862
D: June 26, 1942

George & Maryalis with their grandchildren--

George Christman
Verl C. Bender
Vera Bender
Maryalis Bender
Maryalis Christman
Marjorie Bender

GEORGE CHRISTMAN
B: Mar. 6, 1862
D: June 26, 1942

Jennie Bender
Vera Watson
George Christman
Patricia Watson

Christman 4 generation

Vergie Bender
Vera Watson
Amanda Bender
Patricia Watson

Bender 4 generation

GEORGE F. CHRISTMAN
Great-Grandfather of Patricia (Watson) Dyson & Bill Souder

George F. Christman. Closely identified with the agricultural and industrial affairs of Wells Co., George F. Christman is pleasantly located in Liberty Twp., where he is profitably engaged in general farming on the old Christman estate, which he is managing with ability and success. His parents, Frederick and Catherine (Grossman) Christman, where born and bred in Germany, and from there came to the United States, settling in Bluffton.

Frederick Christman served an apprenticeship at the baker's trade in the fatherland, and after coming to Bluffton was employed as a baker. Beginning life in this new home without other means than strong hands, a willing heart, and an unlimited amount of courage and energy, he labored with a will, and by means of thrift accumulated considerable wealth. When able to afford it, he erected the Christman Block, just east of the McFarren Block, and there successfully conducted a bakery and a restaurant for many years, continuing in business in Bluffton until his death. He also made other wise investments, including the purchase of the farm in Liberty Twp., now occupied by his son, George. His wife survived him, dying at the home of her son, George. They were the parents of three children, as follows; Frank, living in Indianapolis; John, who died in 1885; and George F.

Brought up in Bluffton, George F. Christman was educated in the public schools, and as a young man assisted in the improvement of the farm which he now occupies. After his marriage, he assumed the management of its 120 acres, and is now carrying on general farming in the systematic and scientific manner, under his judicious care his land being as rich and productive as any to be found in the locality.

On Oct. 2, 1882, Mr. Christman was united in marriage with Mary A. Masterson. A daughter of William and Maria (Paron) Masterson, she was born, February 28, 1863, in Harrison Twp., Wells Co., her home having been near Murray. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Christman, five children have been born, of whom one, the fourth child in succession of birth, is dead, and four are living, namely: Maude, at home; Jennie, wife of V. O. Bender, living on the home farm; Hazel, at home; and Chloe, also at home. In his political affiliations Mr. Christman is a steadfast democrat.

(picture taken about 1941)
George F. Christman
Patricia Watson
Billy Souder

LITTLE MATCH GIRL

(Grandma) Mary Alice Christman sang this song for her grandchildren--Verl, Vera, Marjorie & Maryalis Bender about 1917

Come in little stranger I said
As she rapped at my half opened door.
A blanket was trown over her head
And reached to the basket she bore.

A look full of innocence fell
From her modest but pretty blue eyes.
As she said I have matches to sell
And hope you are willing to buy.

A penny a box is my price
I hope you won't find it too much.
They're all tied up even and nice
And ready to light with a touch.

I'd go to the shipyards for chips
But then it would make me so sad.
To see the men building the ships
And to think they had made one so bad.

Father was lost on the deep
A ship never got to the shore.
And mother is sad and will weep
To hear the winds blow and sea roar.

She sits there at home without food
By the side of sick Willie's bed.
She spent all her money for wood
And so I sell matches for bread.

Fly home little birds then I thought
Fly home full of joy to your nest.
For I took all the matches she brought
And Mary may tell you the rest.

SECTION 6

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM & SARAH ELVIRA (STROUD) DYSON
(Robert L. Dyson's Great-Great-Grandparents)

* William Dyson
B: ___1818 Mocksville, No. Carolina
D: May 12, 1896 Mocksville, No. Carolina
Married: _____
to
* Sarah Elvira Stroud
B: June 7, 1817 Mocksville, No. Carolina
D: Aug. 8, 1894 Mocksville, No. Carolina
Children:

* 1. James Richard Dyson
B: Oct. 30, 1839
D: ___1912 in Indiana
Married:_____
to
* Martha Gaither
B: Mar. 28, 1844 No. Carolina
D: Feb. 6, 1923 in Indiana
Children:

1a. Sarah Ann Samantha (Sally) Dyson
B: Nov. 16, 1861 in No. Carolina
D: Jan. __1949 in Indiana

1b. Nancy Elvira Dyson
B: May 27, 1863 No. Carolina
D: In Infancy

1c. Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Dyson
B: Nov. 6, 1864 in No. Carolina
D: June 9, 1948 in Indiana

1d. Emeline (Emma) Dyson (twin)
B: July 21, 1867 Grant Co. Ind.
D: _____

1e. Angeline (Angie) Dyson (twin)
B: July 21, 1867 Grant Co. Indiana
D: Oct. 13, 1962 _____

* 1f. Charles Francis Dyson
B: Sept. 16, 1874 Grant Co. Indiana
D: Nov. 29, 1954 Wabash Co. Indiana

1g. William Henry Dyson
B: July 19, 1878 Grant Co. Ind.
D: July 19, 1947 Wabash Co. Ind.

1h. Elmer E. Dyson
B: Feb. 27, 1880
D: In Infancy

2. William LaFayette Dyson
B: Feb. 11, 1842
D: July 16, 1925 in Kansas
Married: _____
to
Mahala Irvin
B: March 12, 1852
D: April 6, 1912

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM & SARAH ELVIRA (STROUD) DYSON (CON'T)
(Robert L. Dyson's Great-Great-Grandparents)

Children of William LaFayette & Mahala Dyson

2a. Matties Dyson (female)
B: _____
D: _____

2b. Della Dyson (female)
B: _____
D: _____

2c. Frederick Augustus Dyson
B: Nov. 22, 1875
D: April 19, 1943

3. Alvin Dyson
B: July 12, 1846
D: July 8, 1901 in No. Carolina
Married: ___1871
to
Martha E. Gaither
B: __1849
D: July 8, 1916
Children:

3a. Jennie Dyson
B: Feb. 11, 1872
D: _____

3b. Lydia Dyson
B: Oct. 11, 1850
D: June 18, 1933

3c. Cynthia Dyson
B: Dec. 26, 1875
D: Mar. 16, 1951

3d. Robert Goly Dyson
B: Oct. 15, 1877
D: _____

3e Anna Dyson
B: Oct. 22, 1879
D: Sept. 19, 1943

3f. Noah Dyson
B: Sept. 14, 1881
D: Jan. 16, 1969 Mocksville, No. Carolina

4. Perry Dyson
B: Mar. 2, 1848
D: ___1870 Richfield, Illinois
Married: _____
to
Emily Beck
B: June 3, 1941
D: July __1926

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM & SARAH ELVIRA (STROUD) DYSON (CON'T)
(Robert L. Dyson's Great-Great-Grandparents)

Children of Perry & Emily Dyson

4a. David L. Dyson
B: Nov. 29, 1866 in Illinois
D: June 12, 1952

4b. Pink (Little Pink) Dyson
B: ___1868 in Illinois
D: _____

5. Tom Dyson
B: April 2, 1850
D: ___1925
Married: _____
to
Ada E. Smith
B: March 9, 1850
D: Jan. 26, 1890
Children:

5a. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Dyson
B: Aug. 11, 1871
D: _____

5b. James Dyson
B: June 26, 1874
D: _____1905

5c. Hude Dyson
B: July 26, 1876
D: Aug. 25, 1968

5d. Clista Dyson
B: Oct. 22, 2879
D: Mar. __ 1911

6. Mary Elizabeth (Sis) Dyson
B: July 20, 1852 Davie Co., No. Carolina
D: May 31, 1930 in No. Carolina
Married: Oct. 20, 1870
to
A. Smith
B: July 16, 1845
D: _____
Children:

6a. Joseph Pinkey Smith
B: Sept. 4, 1871
D: April 10, 1942

6b. Bird Quincy Smith
B: Mar. 3, 1875
D: _____Cana, No. Carolina

6c. Lilly Ellen Smith
B: May 30, 1879
D: _____

6d. Alice Esabelle Smith
B: Dec. 20, 1880
D: _____

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM & SARAH ELVIRA (STROUD) DYSON (CON'T)
(Robert L. Dyson's Great-Great-Grandparents)

Children of Mary Elizabeth and A. Smith

6e. Dora Adaline Smith
B: ___1884
D: _____

6f. Luther Smith
B: Oct. 3, 1890
D: _____

6g. Bertha Smith
B: July 6, 1893
D: _____

7. Dorcas Emeline (Duck) Dyson
B: Nov. 3, 1854
D: Sept. __1935
Married: Mar. 5, 1872
To
T. J. Richardson
B: Feb. 22, 1846
D: Nov. __1932
Children:

7a. Charles M. Richardson
B: Sept. 26, 1873
D: June __1950

7b. David Lafayette Richardson
B: Aug. 11, 1875
D: _____

7c. Laura Agnes Richardson
B: Sept. 14, 1877
D: _____

7d. Emiline J. Richardson
B: Nov. 21, 1880
D: Dec. 18, 1888

7e. Cora Richardson
B: Nov. 11, 1883
D: _____

7f. Robert W. Richardson
B: Aug. 28, 1888
D: _____

7g. Benjamin b. Richardson
B: Sept. 17, 1892
D: _____

8. John Weisley Dyson
B: July 29, 1857
D: July 19, 1940 in Oklahoma
Married: __1883 in Indiana
to
Mary Druzilla Gaither (sister of Wm Gaither in Alexandria, Ind.)
B: Feb. 2, 1859
D: Feb. 9, 1937

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM & SARAH ELVIRA (STROUD) DYSON (CON'T)
(Robert L. Dyson's Great-Great-Grandparents)

Children of John Weisley & Mary Druzilla Dyson

8a. (male) died at birth
8b. Sarah Elvira (Ella) Dyson
B: Feb. 12, 1886
D: _____
8c. Elza Dyson
B: _____
D: when 18 mo. old
8d. Mollie Dyson
B: June 25, 1896
D: _____

9. Pink Dyson
B: Nov. 3, 1861
D: Oct. 20, 1948 in No. Carolina
Married: Jan. 22, 1888
to
Martha Marlow
B: July 5, 1864
D: Nov. 17, 1949
Children:
9a. Wm Travis Dyson
B: May 16, 1900
D: _____
9b. Marvin Dyson
B: Aug. 10, 1903
D: _____
9c. Thomas Monzy Dyson
B: Nov. 21, 1906 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: _____
9d. Baby born & died
Oct. 25, 1909

DYSON

Gr-Gr-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

WILLIAM & SARAH (STROUD) DYSON

B: 1818 — B: JUNE 7, 1817

D: MAY 12, 1896 — D: AUG. 8, 1894

James Richard Dyson

B: Oct. 30, 1839

D: 1912

Martha Gaither

B: Mar. 28, 1844

D: Feb. 6, 1923

Gr-Grandparents of
Robert Dyson

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ELIZA & JANE (COMER) GAITHER
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* Eliza Gaither
B: Aug. 4, 1816 Iredell Co., No. Carolina
D: April 3, 1863
Married:
* Nancy Jane Comer
B: 1829 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D:
Children:

* 1. Martha Ann Gaither
B: March 28, 1844
D: Feb. 6, 1923 Ind.
Married: Dec. 20, 1860 Davie Co. No. Carolina
to
* James Richard Dyson
B: Oct. 30, 1839 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: 1912 Grant Co. Ind.
Children:
1a. Sarah Ann Samantha (Sally) Dyson
B: Nov. 15, 1861 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: Jan. 1949 Ind.
1b. Nancy Elvira Dyson
B: May 27, 1863 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: In infancy
1c. Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Dyson
B: Nov. 6, 1864 Davie Co. No. Carolina
D: June 9, 1948 Ind.
1d. Emeline (Emma) Dyson (twin)
B: July 21, 1867 Grant Co. Ind.
D:
1e. Angeline (Angie) Dyson (twin)
B: July 21, 1887 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Oct. 13, 1962
* 1f. Charles Francis Dyson
B: Sept. 16, 1874 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 29, 1954 Wabash Co. Ind.
1g. William Henry Dyson
B: June 19, 1878 Grant Co. Ind.
D: July 19, 1947
1h. Elmer E. Dyson
B: Feb. 27, 1880 Grant Co. Ind.
D: In infancy

2. Sarah Catherine Gaither
B: March 28, 1845
D: Nov. 4, 1915
(never married)
3. Margaret Elizabeth Gaither
B: Jan. 27, 1847
D: Oct. 8, 1913
(never married)

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ELIZA & JANE (COMER) GAITHER (CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

4. Mary Gaither
   B: June 18, 1848
   D: March 20, 1927
   (never married)
5. Nancy Gaither
   B: 1850
   D: May 8, 1922
   Married:
   to
   David W. Edwards
   B:
   D:
6. John J. Gaither
   B: Jan. 31, 1853
   D: July 10, 1886 (age 33)
   (never married)
7. Zachariah Nathanial Gaither
   B: Mar. 13, 1855
   D: Oct. 30, 1856 (age 1 yr. 7 mo.)
8. Racheal Louise Gaither
   B: Dec. 6, 1856
   D: Mar. 24, 1931
   Married:
   to
   Ira John Wooten
   B:
   D:
   They had 5 children
9. Dr. Ellis Gaither
   B: Mar. 1, 1860
   D: June 22, 1861 (1 yr. 3 mo.)
10. Tempie Clementine Gaither
   B: Nov. 17, 1861
   D: April 24, 1935
   Married:
   to
   Will T. Baggerly
   B:
   D:
   (they had 1 son)
11. William Henry Gaither
   B: Mar. 15, 1862
   D: Jan. 21, 1923
   Married:
   to
   Sophia Isabelle Crater
   B:
   D:
   (They had 9 children)

GAITHER TRIO

The Bill Gaither Trio began performing in the mid-1950's, singing primarily for PTA and Farm Bureau meetings. Audiences of thousands now listen to their gospel music which has earned them the prestigious Grammy Award.

Two members of the trio are Ball State graduates. Bill received his masters degree in guidance and counseling from BSU in 1961, after earning his bachelors in English from Anderson College.

Brother Danny, graduated in 1961 with a degree in industrial education. Both formerly taught in Indiana high schools but now devote their full time to music.

Concert appearances are not the only endeavor of the group. They own the Gaither Music Company and Pinebrook Recording Studio in Alexandria, Ind. their hometown, and have recorded many albums.

The music company was formed in 1963 primarily to publish the many songs written by the group. Bill began penning music and lyrics while teaching high school English and journalism in Alexandria and Anderson and has written more the 155 songs, the best known of which is "He Touched Me." For several years the Gospel Music Association has named him the top gospel songwriter in the United States.

Bill who took piano lessons for four or 5 years during his youth and studied voice in college, thinks his collegiate years benefited him primarily in two ways: college generally increased his awareness of life and gave him material about which to write, while the study of poetry aided him in transposing his thoughts into lyrics.

Finding himself faced with two appealing full-time occupations as his musical pursuits began to snowball in the late 60's, Bill knew he could not continue to successfully wear both hats. He chose to forego teaching because he thought he could contribute more to people's lives through music.

The trio writes and sings about things they know--awareness of life, raising children, the "now" rather then the 'hereafter," belief and faith in God. Bill says he writes from "gut feelings," and audience reactions indicate that he sings from the heart.

Bill's wife, Gloria, joined the trio in the 60's replacing the Gaithers' sister, Mary Ann. A graduate of Anderson College, Gloria has authored a book entitled, "Make Warm Noises," a collection of reflective readings about her homelife, which she often shares with the audience during concerts.

Bill & Gloria Gaither
1988

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF KELLY & JANE (COLTRAIN) DAVIS
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* Kelly Davis
B: Jan. 14, 1825 Grant Co.
D: April 27, 1890 Little Ridge Church Grounds, Fairmount, Ind.
Married: Dec. 31, 1850 Randolph Co. N.C.
to
* Jane Coltrain
B: 1829
D: Dec. 10, 1880 Grant Co. Ind.
Children:

* 1. William Alexander Smith Davis
B: Aug. 15, 1853
D: Sept 21, 1904
Married: Sept. 17, 1876
to
* Mary Ellen Wood
B: Sept. 4, 1858
D: Oct. 25, 1892
Children:

1a. John Franklin Davis
B: Oct. 24, 1877 Ind.
D: July 1, 1955 Colorado

* 1b. Daisy Belle Davis
B: Mar. 5, 1879
D: June 12, 1972 Wabash Co. Ind. (Burial in Grant Co

1c. Jasper Davis
B: Sept. 6, 1881
D: Dec. 20, 1953

1d. Elizabeth Jane Davis
B: May 7, 1884 Grant Co. Ind.
D: May 24, 1981 Madison Co. Ind.

1e. Joseph Worth Davis
B: Feb. 18, 1886
D: June 8, 1976

1f. Blanchard A. Davis
B: Oct. 26, 1887
D: 1964

1g. Mary Lucy Davis
B: Sept. 19, 1889
D: June 9, 1983

1h. Charles Loren Davis
B: Sept. 15, 1891
D: Feb. 2, 1983

2. Ruth Davis
B:
D:
Married:
to
Ellingwood
B:
D:
Children:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF KELLY & JANE (COLTRAIN) DAVIS (CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

3. Mandy Davis
B:
D:
Married:
to
Siddle
B:
D:
Children:

4. James Davis
B:
D:
Married:
to

B:
D:
Children:

5. Rufus Davis
B:
D:
Married:
to

B:
D:
Children:

6. Ruff Davis
B:
D:
Married:
to

B:
D:
Children:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF KELLY DAVIS & ( )
Great-Great-Grandfather of Robert Dyson

Kelly Davis 2nd marriage:
to

Children:

1. Nellie Davis
   B:
   D:
   Married:
   to
   Cecil
   B:
   D:
   Children:

2. Ica Davis
   B:
   D:
   Married:
   to
   Shoemaker
   B:
   D:
   Children:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ANTHONY WARD & ELIZABETH (BREWER) WOOD
Gr-Gr-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* Anthony Ward Wood
B: Aug. 6, 1826
D:
Married: Nov. 23, 1851
to
* Elizabeth Brewer
B: Nov. 28, 1833
D: Sept. 23, 1909
Children:
* 1. Mary Ellen Wood
B: Sept. 4, 1853
D: Oct. 25, 1892
Married: Sept. 17, 1876
to
* William Alexander Smith Davis
B: Aug. 15, 1853 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Sept. 21, 1904 Grant Co. Ind.
Children:
1a. John Franklin Davis
B: Oct. 24, 1877
D: July 1, 1955 Colorado
* 1b. Daisy Belle Davis
B: Mar. 5, 1879 Grant Co. Ind.
D: June 12, 1972 Wabash Co. Ind.
1c. Jasper Davis
B: Sept 6, 1881
D: Dec. 20, 1953
1d. Elizabeth Jane Davis
B: May 7, 1884 Grant Co. Ind.
D: May 24, 1981 Madison Co. Ind.
1e. Joseph Worth Davis
B: Feb. 18, 1886
D: June 8, 1976
1f. Blanchard A. Davis
B: Oct. 26, 1887
D: 1964
1g. Mary Lucy Davis
B: Sept. 19, 1889
D: June 9, 1983
1h. Charles Loren Davis
Sept. 15, 1891
D> Feb. 2, 1983

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM BURKETT & RACHAEL (WAMSLEY) EADS
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* William Burkett Eads
B: Mar. 30, 1828 Carroll Co., Ky.
D: Mar. 11, 1917 Polk Twp. Huntington Co., Ind.
Married: Aug. 3, 1848 Wabash Co. Ind.
to
* Rachael Wamsley
B: Nov. 7, 1830 Ind.
D: Dec. 8, 1879
Children:

1. Elzellen Eads
B: Feb. 3, 1849
D: Dec. 1925
Married: Sept. 16, 1868
to
William Neely Williams
B: Sept. 23, 1838
D: Jan. 18, 1914
Children:
1a. Olive May Williams
B: Aug. 18, 1869 Illinois
D: April 5, 1937
1b. Frank Homer Williams
B: Mar. 25, 1871 in Ind.
D: May 10, 1874 (3 yr. old)
1c. John Monroe Williams
B: Feb. 9, 1873
D: Sept. 1954
1d. Maggie Bell Williams
B: June 3, 1875
D: May 26, 1913
1e. Jessie Dora Williams
B: Aug. 27, 1877
D: Sept. 19, 1957

2. Elmira Eads
B: 1851
D:
Married: (They lived in Wichita, Kan.)
to
M. Moses Harrell
B: Aug. 16, 1847
D: Mar. 18, 1871
Children:
2a. William C. Harrell
B: Dec. 19, 1869 (Raised by his father's parents)
D:
2b. Alfred Harrell
B: 1870
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM BURKETT & RACHAEL (WAMSLEY) EADS
(CON'T)
Great-Great=Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Elmira's 2nd marriage:

Arron Mote
B:
D:
Children:
2a. Issac Mote
B:
D:
2b. Mart Mote
B:
D: (died young)
2c. Ida Mote
B:
D:

Elmira's 3rd marriage:
to
William Tudor
B:
D:
No Children.

* 3. Jasper Allen Eads
B: Feb. 17, 1853 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 19, 1938 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Sept. 14, 1876
to
* Anna Elizabeth Farlow
B: Feb. 4, 1858
D: June 18, 1939
Children:
* 3a. John William Eads
B: Aug. 8, 1882 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Sept. 7, 1953 Wabash Co. Ind.
3b. Rosa Pearl Eads
B: April 23, 1887 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 20, 1968 Wabash Co. Ind.

4. William Eads
B: Mar. 15, 1855
D: May 12, 1881 (26 yrs., "Lung Fever" (pneumonia)

5. Issac Jethro Eads
B: Mar. 15, 1857
D: Nov. 15, 1915
Married:
to
Elizabeth Southwood
B:
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM BURKETT & RACHAEL (WAMSLEY) EADS
(CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Children of Issac & Elizabeth Eads

5a. Jesse Burkett Eads
B:
D: at 6 mo.

Elizabeth died after birth of Jesse

Issac 2nd marriage: May 9, 1882
to
Evaline Miles
B: Aug. 27, 1862
D: May 14, 1949
Children:

5a. Grace Estella Eads
B: Feb. 25, 1883
D: June 14, 1964

5b. Edith May Eads
B: May 12, 1885
D: Feb. 2, 1963

5c. Carrie Lucretia Eads
B: May 9, 1891
D:

6. Martha J. Eads
B: Oct. 9, 1859
D: April 7, 1936
Married: Sept. 23, 1877
to
William Henry Southwood
B:
D: Dec. 8, 1916
Children:

6a. Jossie Southwood
B: Aug. 10, 1878
D: 1886
(Thrown from a horse, hitting head on stone.)

6b. Robert Southwood
B: Jan 8, 1881
D: Nov. 4, 1958

6c. Jessie Southwood
B: April 29, 1887
D: April 17, 1908

6d. Olive Rosella Southwood
B: Nov. 5, 1890
D: Jan 4, 1969

Martha's 2nd marriage: Oct. 22, 1922
to
Victor Vincent
B:
D:

Martha & Victor divorced in 1931

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLAIM BURKETT & RACHAEL (WAMSLEY) EADS
(CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandchildren of Robert Dyson

7. Sarah Eads
B: Oct. 11, 1862
D: Nov. 14, 1926
Married: July 6, 1877
to
Orange Lemon Mahoney
B: Feb. 17, 1850
D: July 25, 1920
Children:
7a. Bertha Mahoney
B: Jan. 17, 1878
D;
7b. Anna Mahoney
B: July 5, 1879
D:
7c. Archie Mahoney
B: Nov. 11, 1881
D: Jan 31, 1883
7d. Gladys Mahoney
B: Mar. 25, 1895
D: April 19, 1953

8. Alice Rachel Eads
B: Dec. 1865
D: Mar. 29, 1879 (14 yrs. old)

9. Laura May Eads
B: 1867
D: Jan. 23, 1891
Married: Oct. 5, 1889
to
Issac Dawson
B:
D:
Children:
9a. Gail Dawson
B: Dec. 3, 1890
D: Mar. 16, 1920

10. John M. Eads
B: Oct. 28, 1872
D: 1953
Married: Dec. 1, 1892
to
Clara Dawson
B: Aug. 28, 1873
D: June 27, 1956
Children:
10a. Hazel Eads
B: Aug. 27, 1893
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM BURKETT & RACHAEL (WAMSLEY) EADS
(CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

William Burkett Eads
2nd marriage: 1890
to
Lizzie Ueing
B:
D: March 13, 1900
No Children

William Burkett Eads was born in Carroll Co. Ky. March 30, 1828. He was brought in Indiana when still a small child. He grew up and attended school in Madison Co. When fourteen years of age he started out to make his own way, in the world. He was sturdy, energetic, and faithful and earned $12 to $14 a month. By thrifty saving his earnings was able to lay aside quite an amount. By the time he reached his age he had some capital and was married and established a home of his own. He married Rachael Wamsley in 1849. To this union was borned ten children. They came to Huntington Co., Polk Twp. in 1875 where he lived rest of life.

Wm Burkett Eads.

WILLIAM BURKETT EADS FAMILY

Gr-Gr-Grandfather of Robert Dyson

front row

Sarah, May, Martha J., Elzellen

back row

John M, Issac J., William, Jasper A, (Gr-Grandfather of Robert Dyson)

Elmira & William Burkett (Gr-Gr-Grandfather of Robert Dyson)

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF MINUS & CHARLOTTE (SPARKS) FARLOW
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* Minus Farlow
B: May 28, 1814 Baltimore, Md.
D: Jan 10, 1892
Married: Mar. 25, 1857
to
* Charlotte Sparks
B: May 13, 1831 Fayette Co. Ind.
D: Nov. 14, 1921 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:

* 1. Anna Elizabeth Farlow
B: Feb. 4, 1858
D: June 18, 1939
Married: Sept. 14, 1876
to
* Jasper Allen Eads
B: Feb. 17, 1853 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Mar. 19, 1938 Wabash Co. Ind.
Children:
* 1a. John William Eads
B: Aug. 8, 1882 Wabash Co. Ind.
D: Sept. 7, 1953 Wabash Co. Ind.
1b. Rosa Pearl Eads
B: April 23, 1887
D: Mar. 20, 1968 Wabash Co. Ind.

2. Martha Jane Farlow
B: Feb. 22, 1859
D: June 1910
Married: 1879
to
Cree Whitcraft
B:
D: July 24, 1903
Children:
2a. Hazel Whitcraft
B: Aug. 7, 1889
D: Nov. 19, 1963

3. Armanda Ellen Farlow
B: Aug. 30, 1861
D: Aug. 10, 1918
Married: May 13, 1880
to
Ray R. Shelton
B: Oct. 17, 1858
D: Dec. 30, 1950
Children:
3a. William L. Shelton
B: Jan. 30, 1893
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF MINUS & CHARLOTTE (SPARKS) FARLOW (CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

4. John Thomas Farlow
B: Dec. 25, 1864
D: Feb. 12, 1945
Married: June 5, 1884
to
Rebecca (Addie) Adaline Wamsley
B: Feb. 14, 1862
D: May 1, 1935
Children:
adopted her nephew
Lawrence Laban Wamsley, Huntington, Ind.
B: July 8, 1904
D:

5. William Farlow
B: Nov. 21, 1871
D: 1963 (No children, and lives in Coleman, Mich.)
Married:
Cassie Bowsman
B: April 11, 1894

William Farlow married:
to Alice ?
B:
D;

William Farlow married:
to Ethel ?
B:
D:

Minus Farlow was a homesteader in Indiana from Baltimore, Md. The land, apparently 160 acres, extended across what was later the Dora Pike, in Wabash Co. Ind. His original cabin, was about 1/2 mi. north of the old barn which Roy Shelton rebuilt. Minus was considerably older then Charlotte Sparks. After the were married and the Dora Pike was established, they built the first house across the road from the barn, and it was in that house some of the children were born. The original house burned followed by the building of the front section of the house lived in. The second section--the kitchen, fireplace, the adjoining large room, pantry, and the large back porch--was added later. The pine trees were planted at the time the second house was built. The American Elm tree which stood at the northwest corner of the yard was planted by Minus Farlow and Amanda Farlow, daughter, when she was a little girl. There was a fireplace in each of the front rooms of the house, the facing and mantles of each were very ornately decorated by hand by a man Minus Farlow hired to do the job which cost him $5 a day; in those days $5 was quite a sum of money and Charlotte (Sparks) Farlow resented that cost. All the fireplaces smoked badly.

(taken from a letter to Mildred Dyson)

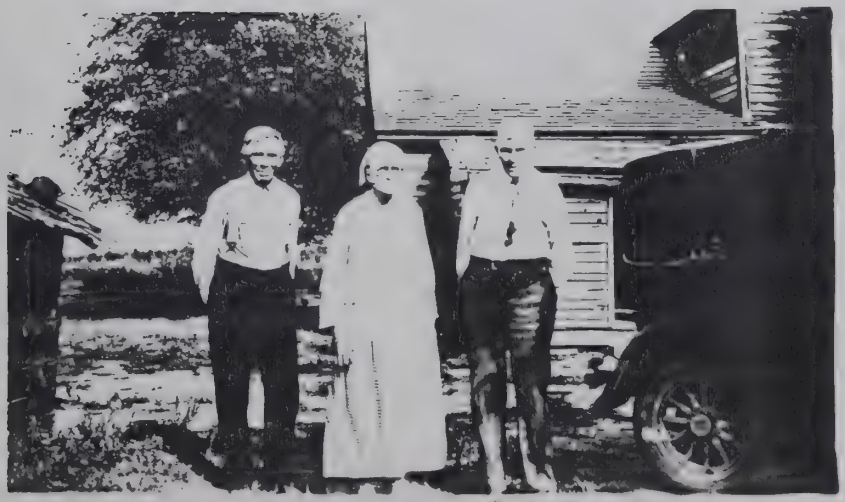
MINUS & CHARLOTTE (SPARKS) FARLOW

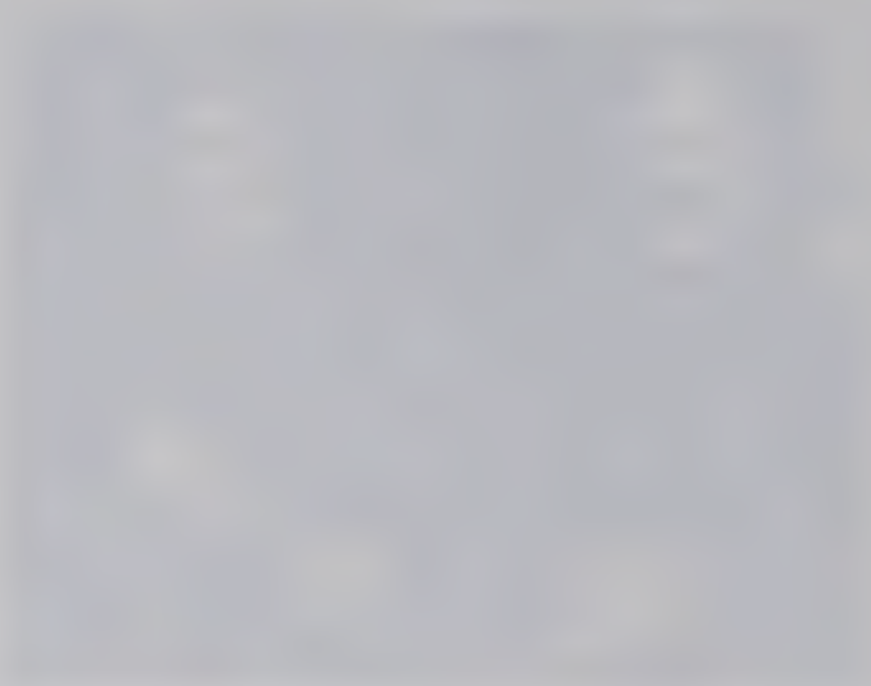
Minus Farlow
B: May 28, 1814
D: Jan. 10, 1892

Charlotte (Sparks) Farlow
B: May 13, 1831
D: Nov. 14, 1921

Children:

Will Farlow, Anna (Eads), B: Feb. 4, 1858 D: June 18, 1939, John Farlow





CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ARCHABALD & ANNA ELIZABETH (BURNWORTH) PORTER

Great-Great Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* Archabald Porter
B: 1806
D: July 25, 1851
Married: Oct. 22, 1834
to
* Anna Elizabeth Burnworth
B: May 21, 1816 Antrim, Ohio, Guernsey Co.
D: June 1, 1896
Children:

1. Hanna Elizabeth Porter
B: July 25, 1835
D: Mar. 12, 1915
Married: 1853
to
Samuel Taylor
B: Aug. 24, 1830 in England on the Isle of Guernsy
D: Sept. 14, 1897
Children:
1a. Christina Lennis Taylor
B: July 8, 1853
D: July 9, 1928
1b. William Martin Taylor
B: Oct. 12, 1856
D: Dec. 25, 1947
1c. John Leonard Taylor
B: 1858
D: Nov. 21, 1906
1d. Emily S. Taylor
B: June 13, 1863
D: April 1, 1937
1e. Samuel K. Taylor
B: June 1, 1870
D: July 18, 1893

2. James Samuel Porter
B: Mar. 27, 1840
D: May 30, 1910
Married: In Huntington Co. Ind.
to
Mary Martha Bromfield
B:
D:
Children:
2a. daugther, died in infancy
2b. son--died in infancy
2c. Francis W. Porter
B: 1872
D: Feb. 15, 1874
2d. Ned Ira Porter
B: 1874
D:

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ARCHABALD & ANNA ELIZABETH (BURNWORTH) PORTER (CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Con't on James Samuel Porter

James Samuel Porter 2nd marriage: 1878
to
Susan Ferguson (Balderson)
B: July 4, 1873
D: Mar. 28, 1926
(her parents--Mary (Burnworth) & James Ferguson
Children:
2a. Alvah Orval Porter
B: Mar. 28,, 1879
D: Jan. 1, 1950
2b. Charles Chester Porter
B: Mar. 27, 1881
D: Mar. 26, 1953

* 3. Christopher Burnworth Porter
B: Dec. 26, 1844
D: July 25, 1912 Wabash Co. Ind.
Married: Nov. 18, 1866
to
Mary Ann Gellers
B: 1846
D: 1869
Children:
1 son--mother & son died at child birth
Christopher's 2nd marriage: July 29, 1876
* Mary Eliza Morris
B: Mar. 17, 1852
D: Aug. 1887
Children:
3a. Susan Porter
B: 1877
D: in infancy
3b. Anna A. Porter
B: Oct. 28, 1878
D: Jan. 2, 1911
3c. John Porter
B: Sept. 9, 1880
D: 1910
* 3d. Lizzie E. Porter
B: Sept. 9, 1882 Grant Co. Ind.
D: Aug. 1, 1913 Wabash Co. Ind.
3e. Florence Porter
B: Aug. 17, 1884
D: June 8, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.
3f. Clara Porter
B: 1886
D: In Infancy

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF ARCHABALD & ANNA ELIZABETH (BURNWORTH) PORTER (CAN'T)
Great-Great- Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Christopher's 3rd marriage: 1890
to
Mary Jane Hollowell
B:
D: 1922

4. William Harrison Porter
B: 1846
D: 1868

5. Margaret Rebecca Porter
B: Dec. 10, 1849
D: 1937
Married: Aug. 7, 1867 in Grant Co., Ind.
to
Mahlon Thompson
B: Feb. 13, 1843
D: Dec. 18, 1911
Children:
5a. William F. Thompson
B: July 11, 1868
D: Oct. 13, 1920
5b. Samuel L. Thompson
B: Aug. 23, 1870
D: Aug. 30, 1895
5c. Daniel Christopher Thompson
B: Jan. 1, 1873
D: 1965
5d. Lillian B. Thompson
B: 1876
D: July 14, 1894

6. Sarah Jane Porter
B: 1851
D: Oct. 16, 1878
Married:
to
William Ezra Conn
B: 1850
D:
Children:
6a. Ezra Conn
B: 1874
D: 1898

Anna Elizabeth (Burnworth) Porter
B: May 21, 1816
D: June 1, 1896
Robert Dyson's Gr-Gr-Grandmother

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN T. & REBECCA (JAY) MORRIS
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

* John T. Morris
B: Nov. 22, 1821 Fountain City, Ind.
D: May 2, 1913
Married: April 22, 1846
to
* Rebecca Jay
B: Sept. 15, 1827 Ind.
D: Aug. 29, 1868
Children:

1. Thomas Elwood Morris
   B: Feb. 9, 1847
   D:
   Married:
   ?
   Children:
   a. Charles L. Morris
   b. Clarkson D. Morris
   c. William Morris

   Children by Thomas and 2nd wife-
   1. Myrtle Morris
   2. Ester Morris
   3. Earl Morris
   4. Harry Morris

2. Aaron Morris
   B: Jan. 25, 1849
   D: June 29, 1876
   (no marriage)

* 3. Mary Eliza Morris
   B: Mar. 17, 1852
   D: Aug. 1887
   Married: July 29, 1876
   to
* Christopher B. Porter
   B: Dec. 26, 1844 Ohio
   D: July 25, 1912 Wabash Co. Ind.
   Children:
   a. Susan Porter
      B: 1877
      D: in infancy
   b. Anna A. Porter
      B: Oct. 28, 1878
      D: Jan 2, 1911
   c. John Porter
      B: Sept. 9, 1880
      D: 1910
   * d. Lizzie E. Porter
      B: Sept. 9, 1882 Grant Co. Ind.
      D: Aug. 1, 1913 Wabash Co. Ind.

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN T. & REBECCA (JAY) MORRIS (CON'T)
Great-Great-Grandparents of Robert Dyson

Children of Mary Eliza and Christopher B. Porter (Con't)

e. Florence Porter
B: Aug. 17, 1884
D: June 8, 1902 Wabash Co. Ind.

f. Clara Porter
B: 1886
D: In infancy

4. Byron Morris (dentist in Portland, Ore.)
B: July 7, 1854
D:
Married:
to
Elizabeth Hodson
B:
D:
Children:
a. Lewis Morris
b. Chester Morris
c. Willis Morris

5. Luther Lee Morris
B: June 6, 1857
D:
Married:
to
Ida Leapley
B:
D:
Children:
a. William Clifford Morris
B:
D:

Luther's 2nd marriage:
to
Melissa Draper
B: May 5, 1863
D:
Children:
1. Earl Morris
2. Otto Morris

6. Eli O. Morris
B: Dec. 21, 1859
D: July 1, 1876

7. Emma Morris
B: Mar. 28, 1863
D: Jan. 17, 1878

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Children of John T. and Rebecca Morris (con't)

8. Daniel Morris (last know to be in Alaska)
B: Aug. 20, 1865
D:

When John T. Morris was eleven years old he lost his father by death and as both parents died about the same time, in Grant County, Indiana, the children were scattered and taken into other homes to be reared. John T. went to Grant county, and was bound out to Silas Overman, working on the farm as a bound boy until he had completed his apprenticeship at the age of twenty-one. He was then ready to make his independent start, having received for all his labor only his board and clothes, and had a few dollars and a pair of overalls as extra clothing when he started for himself. After marriage to Rebecca, John T. lived on a farm in Grant Co. for a number of years, later moved to Illinois, spent some time in the far northwest in the state of Oregon, afterwards returned to Indiana, and lived first in Rush County, and later at Newcastle, in Henry County. He was a remarkable well preserved old gentleman, who had never been obliged to wear glasses and had his hearing almost perfect. He was intelligent reader, and had many exceptional experiences during a long career. He had been a life long member of the Quaker church, and in politics, had always voted for the prohibition cause.

John T. Morris
2nd marriage: (in Rush Co. Ind.)
to
Sarah Ann Gray

John T. Morris
3rd marriage:
to
Emily (Macey) Winslow

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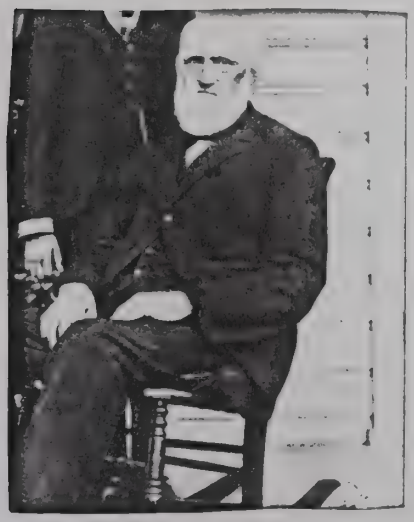

John T. Morse
B: Nov. 22, 1821
D:May 2, 1913
Gr-Gr-Grandfather of Robert Dyson

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